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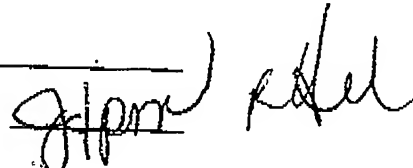
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Tower denies interest clash in defense post

By Kathy Kiely

POST WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — Convinced that the nearly three-quarters of a million dollars in consulting fees he got from various military contractors will not influence him as secretary of defense, John Tower nonetheless promised Thursday to stay out of certain decisions involving his former employers.

On his second day of confirmation hearings before the Senate Armed Services Committee, President Bush's nominee to head the Department of Defense commented on a wide range of military matters as well as his own financial situation.

Among other things, Tower declared that the United States, while trying to negotiate a ban on chemical warfare, should modernize its own arsenal of chemical weapons in the interests of "deterrence."

He also indicated the Bush administration will likely go ahead with research on the Strategic Defense Initiative even though it's "unrealistic" to expect that the so-called "Star Wars" system will provide an "umbrella that can protect the entire American population from nuclear incineration."

But Tower spent most of the day-long session confronting what he called "a perception of an appearance of conflict" arising from his consulting work over the past several years.

Under a barrage of probing but not hostile questions about potential conflicts of interest, Tower insisted he has no incentives, financial or otherwise, to advance the



JOHN TOWER:
Loyalty to country

interest of any private defense contractor.

"My loyalty is to my country. It transcends any other loyalties," declared Tower, who said he felt his record proves him worthy of trust.

"I would have to stand primarily on my reputation as an honest public servant," he said.

That reputation appeared to satisfy the concerns of committee members. Most indicated that their questions were motivated more by a desire to set the record straight than by any serious doubts about the integrity of their former colleague, who represented Texas in

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Designate denies conflict of interest

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the Senate for more than two decades.

"I know you're an honest person. But I do worry about the perception," committee Chairman Sam Nunn, D-Ga., told Tower.

Tower offered letters showing that he ended all contracts with military firms Dec. 1, a day or two after members of the Bush transition team told him he was under serious consideration for the Pentagon post.

Lawyers for both the U.S. Office of Government Ethics and the defense department reviewed Tower's business arrangements and pronounced him free of conflicts of interest.

But Tower said he would not participate in certain decisions involving the companies he once served "out of what I consider to be an excess of caution."

Tower said the defense-related companies he worked for are: Astrotech International, British Aerospace, Inc., Hicks & Associates; Jefferies-McManus International, Inc., LTV Aerospace & Defense Co., Martin-Marietta Information Systems, Maxwell Communications, Micronyx, Rockwell International Inc., and Textron Inc.

Tower also assured the committee he would not make any decisions with an eye to winning future consulting contracts after his term of office.

"And I'm not going to be associated, never intend to be associated, with any defense industry."

Tower, who is spending the weekend in Europe at a military conference, returns Tuesday when the committee expects to hear from several opponents of his nomination.

A number of published accounts quote one of the opponents, conservative activist Paul Weyrich, as saying he opposes Tower on "moral" grounds, complaining of the former senator's alleged drinking and womanizing.

Tower — either himself or through close associates — has acknowledged overindulging his tastes for liquor and female companionship in the past, but insists he has changed his behavior.

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Editorials urge Tower withdrawal

Position compromised,
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POST NEWS SERVICES

WASHINGTON — The Army Times and the Defense News, two independent newspapers read by the military and Congress, are calling on John Tower to withdraw from consideration as defense secretary, citing recent allegations about his personal life and past ties to defense contractors.

Meanwhile, the top Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee said the panel will vote next week on Tower's confirmation. The committee had been expected to vote Thursday to recommend Senate confirmation, but that was postponed after the new allegations emerged and the FBI started an investigation.

Sen. John Warner, R-Va., declined to say what the information dealt with. But sources indicated it concerned Tower's personal life, specifically alcohol and women.

According to ABC News, the new allegations include a report from an Air Force colonel which said Tower had 14 separate liaisons with women while he headed the U.S. negotiating team in Geneva after leaving the Senate.

Another report, by CBS News, was that the allegations involve an alleged liaison in Houston between Tower and a woman from an Eastern bloc nation, along with an allegation of excessive drinking.

In an editorial to be published in its Monday edition, the Army Times says: "Out of concern for the military, which the former Texas senator clearly loves, he should step aside."

The 49-year-old, independent publication has a worldwide circulation of about 125,000, including many in the uniformed military.

"Tower's public position has been so compromised by the agonizing process by which he was nominated and is being confirmed ... that he cannot be the strong spokesman the Defense Department needs," the editorial said.

"More troubling and more at issue is Tower's position as a consultant to defense contractors ... the speed and greed with which Tower spun through the revolving door is appalling."

The editorial suggests that either President Bush, who is concerned about ethics in government, reconsider Tower's appointment, or that the former senator "summon personal courage of his own ... it might be the best help he can give to his friends in the military."

Defense News, in an editorial for Monday, says Tower's withdrawal "would be the act of a seasoned politician who understands that the best interests of the nation sometimes require personal sacrifice by those who would help lead it."

Defense News is a three-year-old independent publication with a circulation of about 30,000, including the top level of the Pentagon and defense industry, and members of Congress.

Defense News suggests that Tower's links to defense consultants is the most troubling aspect of the confirmation process.

"The principal task of the next defense secretary is to build public confidence that the Pentagon is being well-managed and that defense dollars are being carefully spent," it said. "The defense secretary must be an independent voice of force, authority and reason."

"There is ample reason to doubt whether Mr. Tower is the man for these times," the editorial said.

Tower, in testimony before the Senate panel, said he received more than \$1 million in fees for defense consulting in a 2½ year period. He said he severed all consulting ties as of Dec. 1, 1988.

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Senator says Tower faces new charge

By Kathy Kiely

POST WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Defense-designate John Tower remained in legislative limbo Tuesday as a key Republican senator announced that the FBI is investigating yet another allegation against him and a key Democrat publicly suggested he may be an alcoholic.

"I am convinced that John Tower at one time — months or years ago — had a serious problem with alcohol," Sen. James Exon, D-Neb., said at a news conference.

"All during this investigation the question has been on many of our minds whether or not that is still the case or whether he has corrected that problem," said Exon, a member of the committee considering Tower's nomination.

Tower denied having a drinking problem during hearings last week before the Senate Armed Services Committee, but Exon indicated that denial did not settle his own doubts.

"I am not convinced one way or another at this time," he said.

Exon's remarks came as partisan acrimony began surfacing on the Armed Services Committee for the first time since deliberations on the Tower nomination began.

After an oral briefing by officials of the White House counsel's office on the findings of the latest FBI investigation on charges of excessive drinking and womanizing, Republican members of the panel began agitating for a quick vote on the former Texas senator's confirmation.

Early in the afternoon, the committee's chairman Sam Nunn, D-Georgia, and ranking Republican Sen. John Warner, R-Virginia, publicly differed over the outcome of the investigation. Warner said preliminary FBI reports put Tower in the clear, while Nunn contended the bureau's investigation was still unfinished.

By late in the evening, Warner was backing off his earlier assessment, telling reporters at an impromptu press conference that the FBI was investigating a new charge against Tower — a charge that

Carolyn Farb in defense of Tower

FROM STAFF REPORTS

When the FBI embarked on its latest investigation of John Tower's alleged drinking and womanizing, it went to a woman many consider one of the best sources in Houston.

Social arbiter Carolyn Farb acknowledged Tuesday that she had been questioned by the bureau on what she knew about Tower's habits.

She said she provided the agents with a sterling character recommendation for the former Texas senator — and then some.

"I talked to them and gave them a good piece of my mind," Farb said. "I immediately rose to the defense of Senator Tower. I've known him for a number of years. I've never seen him act improperly. He has served his country well."

Farb dismissed one allegation that the bureau was checking — that Tower had a relationship with a Russian ballerina in Houston. "I don't think she exists," Farb said.

Tuesday.

Exon said he did not expect the latest FBI report on Tower to produce any smoking gun, but said he nonetheless was wrestling with concerns over Tower's alleged problems with alcohol.

Exon said Tower told the committee that he has had some problems with alcohol in the past. Tower made no such statements during his public testimony. However, the members of the Armed Services Committee did hold closed-door sessions with him as well.

Last week, Sen. Alan Dixon, D-Ill., said of the latest investigation on Tower: "I think it's almost sim-

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plistically a question of whether the man is an alcoholic or not."

Both Nunn and Warner met with President Bush Tuesday to discuss the nomination. The meeting came at the senators' request. Afterward, neither they nor White House officials would discuss what was said.

Meanwhile, the heretofore cor-

dial and cooperative relations between Republican and Democratic members of the Armed Services Committee appeared to be breaking down.

The Associated Press reported that Nunn expressed irritation over the briefing that White House officials gave Republican members of the committee, and indicated he was not about to rush Tower's confirmation along.

"As much pressure as there is, we ought to do something that is unusual in Washington," Nunn said. "We ought to let the facts support the conclusions."

Republicans argued that the committee ought to vote on Tower and put an end to the spate of potentially crippling rumors about him. Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., said he hoped the Tower nomination could come up for a confirmation vote in the full Senate this week, before the lawmakers leave for a 10-day recess.

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The following investigation conducted by Supervisory
Special Agent (SSA) [redacted]

A review by name of Texas Motor Vehicle Registration
microfiche records determined Texas tags [redacted] to be registered
to [redacted] Houston, Texas 77019. Texas
tags 613 TFB determined to be registered to NATASHA RAWSON, 807
South Post Oak Lane, Houston, Texas 77056.

A search of Texas Driver's License (TDL) records
determined NATHALIE SYNNERBERG RAWSON, 807 S. Post Oak Lane #272,
Houston, Texas 77056 to be holder of TDL 00324837. RAWSON
described as a white female, date of birth 10/26/16, 5'7", 120
lbs., brown hair and eyes. Search of TDL records determined
[redacted] to be holder of TDL [redacted] described as
white female, date of birth [redacted] 5'6", 106 lbs., brown hair
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The following investigation conducted by Special Agents (SAs [redacted] and [redacted] on February 4, 1989.

[redacted] Houston, Texas telephone [redacted] was contacted. [redacted] advised that she does not know Senator JOHN TOWER, but that [redacted] NATHALIE RAWSON, does. [redacted] has had ballet training. [redacted] is not a dancer, but an artist. She painted TOWER's portrait approximately fifteen to twenty years ago. At the time, RAWSON was living in Washington, D.C.. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was not a close friend of TOWER's and was never romantically involved with him. [redacted] is close to [redacted] and feels certain that she would know if she had ever been involved with TOWER. RAWSON and TOWER exchanged Christmas cards for several years, and that is the extent of their relationship.

[redacted] stated that she had always heard that TOWER was a womanizer, and that from what she has read in the media, she "doesn't have the highest opinion of him." RAWSON told [redacted] that she felt sorry for TOWER, and did not think that the allegations that have surfaced have any basis in fact. She told [redacted] that TOWER always struck her as a very "gentlemanly" man.

[redacted] stated that she is certain that there is not a Soviet emigre ballerina residing in River Oaks. She is unaware of any such person residing in Houston.

[redacted] was divorced in 1981. She resides with her children in River Oaks, approximately [redacted] from the RIVER OAKS COUNTRY CLUB. Her residence is a two-story colonial set close to the street. There is not a music room or a piano adjoining the entrance area. [redacted] was raised in the United States, and speaks English like a native American.

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The following investigation conducted by Special Agents (SAs) [redacted] and [redacted] on February 4, 1989.

[redacted] Houston, Texas telephone [redacted] was contacted. [redacted] advised that he and his wife, [redacted] have been happily married for five years. They met in Oklahoma City, when she was working for the [redacted]. [redacted] stated that his wife moved to Pennsylvania for a temporary position with the [redacted]. She was hired on a permanent basis in September. Since then, they have been trying to decide whether to sell their house in Houston in order to have [redacted] and [redacted] join her in Pennsylvania. [redacted] and [redacted] have resided on [redacted] for four years. They have never resided in River Oaks.

[redacted] was on the staff of the [redacted] for a short time. As a result, she has on occasion attended social functions at the RIVER OAKS COUNTRY CLUB. [redacted] has attended some of these gatherings with her. He does not remember ever meeting Senator JOHN TOWER at any of these functions, nor does he recall that TOWER was in attendance. [redacted] phoned [redacted] the evening of February 3, 1989 and was very upset that the FBI had questioned her. [redacted] advised that [redacted] did not even know who TOWER was, and that he had to explain it to her, as well as what the FBI's interest was. Aside from his wife, [redacted] is unaware of any other [redacted] in the Houston area.

[redacted] stated that he thought that he should mention that [redacted] felt certain that her apartment had been searched when she returned home after being interviewed by the FBI. Certain items were moved, and the paper back on a picture frame had been removed.

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The following investigation was conducted by
Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CASTERLAINE FISHING COMPANY, Rockport, Texas, was interviewed on February 6, 1989 and advised that he has seen Senator TOWER drinking alcohol only once. It was approximately one year ago in Dallas, Texas at the [REDACTED] home. [REDACTED] advised that a birthday party was the occasion of the gathering and that he only shook hands with Senator TOWER. [REDACTED] advised that Senator TOWER was having cocktail drinks but never saw him abuse alcohol. [REDACTED] concluded by stating that he does not have any knowledge of anything derogatory about Senator TOWER.

[REDACTED] FIRST NATIONAL BANK, Rockport, Texas, was interviewed on February 6, 1989 and advised that he had met Senator TOWER approximately ten years ago at a barbeque party. [REDACTED] advised that he does not remember seeing Senator TOWER drinking and does not have any knowledge about Senator TOWER abusing alcohol, inasmuch as he only met with Senator TOWER once.

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On February 7, 1989, source advised Special Agent (SA) [redacted] that source had determined that an individual by the name of [redacted] Houston, Texas, home telephone number [redacted] whose sister is married to [redacted] [redacted] was visiting her sister in Washington, D.C., during this past Christmas (1988). Apparently, [redacted] observed TOWER in an inebricated condition in a restaurant, name unknown, in the Washington, D.C. area. Furthermore, the incident occurred over a woman (identity unknown to source).

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The following investigation conducted by Special Agent (SA) [] on February 10, 1989.

[] THE RED LION RESTAURANT AND PUB, 7315 South Main, Houston, Texas 77030, telephone (713) 795-5000 advised that Senator JOHN TOWER has frequented her establishment in the past. She stated that during the seventies and early eighties TOWER patronized THE RED LION more frequently. He has been in her establishment twice in the past four years. [] stated that she only had the opportunity to observe Senator TOWER one time, approximately two years ago. TOWER comported himself as a gentleman, did not drink heavily and was not intoxicated. He was in a group of men and women. [] stated that [] has observed TOWER on many occasions, and could perhaps provide more information.

[] advised that Senator TOWER has been a guest in his establishment many times. [] did not think that TOWER had come in during the last five years. During the seventies and early eighties, TOWER was somewhat of a regular customer and he would exchange pleasantries with [] has never observed nor has he had any reason to believe that TOWER was intoxicated while in THE RED LION. TOWER never engaged in any inappropriate behavior, and [] has never had any bartender, waiter, or other employee comment that TOWER was drinking heavily or appeared to be intoxicated. TOWER would typically arrive in a group of between four to eight men and women. [] stated that he is aware of the "womanizing" allegations that have been made against TOWER, and that perhaps they are true, but he has never observed anything that would lead him to believe it to be true. The women in TOWER's group appeared to be business associates, and TOWER behaved as a gentleman. TOWER never came in to THE RED LION accompanied by just one woman.

It should be noted that [] appeared to be under the influence of alcohol upon interview. He was in fact drinking a beer during the interview, and became loudly argumentative with [] regarding the last time Senator TOWER had been in THE RED LION. [] made a statement to the effect of "this is great, the FBI questioning a drunk about the activities of an alleged drunk."

[] explained to the interviewing agent that while [] may not be "on his best behavior," what he had relayed to the interviewing agent was true, and that she had heard many discussions in the past regarding TOWER between []

and other RED LION employees.

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The following investigation conducted by Special Agent
(SA) [redacted] on February 9, 1989.

Inquiries into the "Greater Houston Yellow Pages, 1987-88,"
"Greater Houston Business and Government Pages, 1988-89," and "The
Donnelly Directory, 1988" were negative regarding a listing for a
HOUSTON SCHOOL OF DANCE.

Noted however were listings for the HOUSTON ACADEMY OF DANCE,
777 Dairy Ashford, Houston, Texas, telephone (713) 497-4783, and the
HOUSTON BALLET ACADEMY, 1921 West Bell, Houston, Texas, telephone
(713) 523-6300. Inquiries with both institutions revealed that a
HOUSTON SCHOOL OF DANCE is not a component of those companies, and
they have no knowledge of such an institution.

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HANK GROVER was telephonically contacted at telephone number (713) 721-1106. He advised as follows.

GROVER stated that he was not sure how recently Senator JOHN TOWER had patronized the FORTY ACRES CLUB on the campus of the UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS in Austin, Texas. GROVER is not sure if the FORTY ACRES CLUB is still in business. While GROVER served in the Texas State Legislature in the 1970's, the talk in Austin was that the FORTY ACRES CLUB was TOWER's favorite hangout, and that he would take his girlfriends there. Typically, these were very young women (college age). GROVER advised that he was not in Austin during most of the 1980's, but indicated that if the FORTY ACRES CLUB is in fact still operational, TOWER has probably continued to patronize it.

GROVER stated that he thought that the primary for the U.S. Senate was held in May of 1972. Texas law would have required TOWER's campaign to file two expense statements; one approximately four weeks prior to the primary, and one two weeks before the primary. TOWER should have filed in late March 1972, and in the early to mid part of April 1972. The Texas Secretary of State's Office should have these statements on file.

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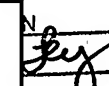
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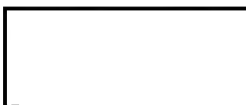
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re alcohol, UACB.

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The following investigation conducted by Special Agent
(SA) [redacted]

On February 14, 1989, the office of [redacted]
[redacted] River Oaks Bank & Trust Companies, 2001 Kirby at
San Felipe, Houston, Texas telephone [redacted] was
contacted. A message was left with [redacted] secretary
requesting that he contact the interviewing agent regarding
Senator JOHN TOWER.

On February 15, at 9:00 am, [redacted] secretary was re-
contacted. She stated that [redacted] had received the interviewing
agent's message, but that he had not come in to work yet. She
stated that she would be sure that he called the FBI that
morning.

On February 15, 1989 at 3:30 pm, [redacted] secretary was
re-contacted. She stated that [redacted] had been in back to back
meetings all day, but that she would remind him to contact the
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[redacted] Houston, Texas
telephone [redacted] telephonically contacted the
interviewing agent and provided the following information.

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[redacted] stated that an article that appears on page one of the business section of this morning's edition of the HOUSTON CHRONICLE, titled "FBI Probe of DRG revealed," had jogged his memory. He stated that in 1974, a Lubbock, Texas [redacted] had been granted a HUD project by Senator JOHN TOWER. At the time, TOWER held a high ranking position on the Senate Banking Committee. [redacted] was very highly placed in the Republican party, and had been backed by TOWER and other old guard Republicans in the gubernatorial race, against [redacted] [redacted] could not provide specifics of any unethical or illegal aspects of this deal. He stated that he "would bet" that if you compared a list of TOWER's staff members and campaign workers against a list of those individuals granted government contracts in the state of Texas while TOWER was a Senator, you would find that they "pretty well match up."

[redacted] stated that former TOWER employees [redacted] (TOWER's former [redacted] and [redacted], believed to be [redacted] telephone [redacted] and [redacted] Midland, Texas [redacted] should have information on the HUD contract obtained by [redacted] He requested that he not be identified to [redacted] and [redacted] as a source of information.

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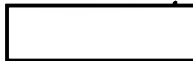
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[redacted] a person who has known JOHN GOODWIN TOWER for approximately 25 years and is well acquainted with him, provided the following information. b7D

[redacted] advised he has known JOHN TOWER since the mid-1960's and during this time, has had occasion to know him on both a personal, professional, and social basis. [redacted] stated that he is not certain that JOHN TOWER is the man for the job of Secretary of Defense of the United States. [redacted] commented that he certainly hopes there is another person having the same qualifications that could be considered for the job. [redacted] stated that TOWER has a drinking problem, and that in addition to his drinking problem, he has a reputation as a womanizer. [redacted] stated the drinking problem may be less severe now than it was in the past, but that he, [redacted] would not feel comfortable having TOWER as the Secretary of Defense knowing of his difficulties with alcohol. [redacted] commented that in a position such as Secretary of Defense, one's character and integrity are extremely important and he feels TOWER is lacking in both areas. [redacted] stated he would prefer to have someone who is clear headed and clear of conscience in that position so that they would not be subject to compromise or distractions.

[redacted] advised he has seen TOWER intoxicated on numerous occasions. [redacted] stated that he could not recall specific meetings or gatherings when he observed TOWER to be intoxicated, but that it was not uncommon at all to see TOWER intoxicated. [redacted] stated he has not had occasion to socialize or meet with TOWER to any great extent since TOWER's retirement from the Senate. However, [redacted] still knows of TOWER's reputation and [redacted] overall impression is that TOWER still has a problem with alcohol and with women. [redacted] stated that from his, personal observations, TOWER drank too much and became quite indiscreet when he was under the influence of alcohol.

[redacted] was asked if he had ever known of TOWER to talk about sensitive matters that would be harmful to the country. [redacted] immediately stated he had never heard TOWER divulge any information of a sensitive or secret nature, and has never heard

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anyone else say that they have heard of TOWER do so. [] stated that TOWER's talking about matters he should not have never been an issue. The primary issues of concern to [] are TOWER's use of alcohol and his weakness for women.

[] was asked if he could be specific as to the names of ladies that TOWER has been indiscreet with, and [] stated that he could, but immediately replied that he would not do so. [] stated that he has personally observed TOWER engage in conduct which is inconsistent with that of a good family man, husband, and father, and he feels that a person in a position of trust should not open himself to criticism and/or compromise.

[] was asked if he would recommend TOWER for the position of Secretary of Defense, and [] immediately replied, "No." [] was then asked if he would recommend TOWER for some other position in the cabinet, [] stated he might, but that he would have to think about it for a while. [] then stated that in another position in the cabinet, TOWER might do a fine job, but [] re-emphasized that he felt in the position of Secretary of Defense, TOWER had too many things in his personal life that could cause problems.

[] was asked if he felt TOWER was qualified for the position of Secretary of Defense, and [] replied, "Probably." [] characterized TOWER as being a bright, knowledgeable individual and stated he is quite competent to handle most any job that would be given him.

[] commented that it was his belief that there should be someone else available with the same qualifications who could handle the job of Secretary of Defense without having the stigma of personal indiscretions being attached to him.

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The following investigation conducted by Special Agent
(SA) [REDACTED]

A confidential source advised that NATHASHA RAWSON, who is affiliated with the HOUSTON BALLET, is of Russian descent. RAWSON travels in the social circles of River Oaks. RAWSON is in her sixties, but looks much younger. [REDACTED] is a dancer, and is in her early forties.

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NATASHA SYNNERBERG RAWSON also known as NATHALIE RAWSON, white female, DOB 10/26/16, 807 South Post Oak Lane #272, Houston, Texas furnished the following information to SSA [redacted] on February 4, 1989:

She has known JOHN TOWER for over twenty years having been best friends with his first wife LU. In the late sixties she was commissioned to do his portrait which was unveiled in Washington, D.C. in approximately 1968. She had an exhibit of her paintings in 1970 and asked the TOWER's if she could include the portrait during the showing. They forwarded the portrait to her for showing during the exhibition in Houston.

The last time she met with JOHN TOWER was during his last campaign for Senator. There was a tribute or fund raising dinner for him in Houston which she attended and spoke with him during the evening. It was at this function that she met TOWER's second wife. Subsequently he decided not to seek re-election. Her only other connection with TOWER has been the exchange of Christmas cards which also ceased approximately three years ago. D
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She formerly lived on Willowick Road in the River Oaks section of Houston until 1969. During the 1970's she attended many parties in River Oaks at which TOWER was also an attendee. She never observed him to drink to excess and he was always very much a gentleman with her.

RAWSON was born in Shanghai, China of Russian parents. She is an artist and has sung in opera but has never been a ballerina or dancer of any kind. However, she is on the Board of Directors of the Houston Ballet. There are many present and former Russian ballet dancers in Houston but none reside in the River Oaks section. She would know if any Russians resided in that area through her social and business contacts there as she speaks fluent Russian and the presence of such an individual would be made known to her.

There is a Russian ballerina who resides in Dallas but socializes with many of the people from the River Oaks area. NATASHA KRASSOVSKA, white female, in her seventies, was last in Houston a few months ago accompanying a Russian male defector. KRASSOVSKA is not acquainted with JOHN TOWER.

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13 SPIN UNIT, 2/7/89.

14 ON THIS DATE, HANK GROVER, (FORMER STATE SENATOR, AND FORMER
15 CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR OF TEXAS, 1972) 116 JACKSON BLVD.,
16 HOUSTON, TEXAS, TELEPHONE (713) 721-1106 TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED

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2 HOUSTON CASE AGENT AND PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.
3 IN THE EARLY 1970'S PRESIDENT NIXON NAMED HILLARY SANDOVAL
4 (MALE) TO HEAD THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA). SANDOVAL
5 WAS A FRIEND OF SENATOR TOWER'S. SOON AFTER SANDOVAL WAS
6 APPOINTED, (LATE 1971 OR EARLY 1972) A CLOSE FRIEND OF TOWER'S, A
7 [REDACTED] (MALE) OF EL PASO, TEXAS, APPLIED FOR AND WAS
8 GRANTED A \$350,000 LOAN BY THE SBA, WHICH WAS THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT
9 ALLOWED AT THE TIME. TWO WEEKS LATER, [REDACTED] ALLEGEDLY MADE
10 A \$250,000. LOAN TO TOWER'S RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN. SOON AFTER
11 THAT, TOWER'S RE-ELECTION HEADQUARTERS, LOCATED AT 58TH AND LA
12 VACA, AUSTIN, TEXAS "MYSTERIOUSLY" BURNED DOWN.

13 GROVER RECALLED THAT THE STORY WAS WIDELY REPORTED IN THE
14 MEDIA AT THE TIME. GROVER ADVISED THAT HE HAS PERSONALLY
15 SEARCHED NEWSPAPER MORGUES IN EL PASO, TEXAS, AND FOR SOME
16 REASON, THE STORIES ARE NOT ON RECORD.

17 GROVER STATED THAT RECORD OF [REDACTED] \$250,000. LOAN SHOULD
18 BE ON RECORD WITH THE CHIEF CLERK OF THE U.S. SENATE, AND WITH
19 THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE IN AUSTIN, TEXAS. TEXAS STATE
20 LAW REQUIRES THAT ALL CANDIDATES FOR FEDERAL OFFICE FILE CAMPAIGN

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2 CONTRIBUTION RECORDS WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE.

3 EL PASO DIVISION AT EL PASO, TEXAS: LOCATE AND INTERVIEW

4 [REDACTED] REGARDING HIS LOAN APPLICATION

5 WITH THE SRA, HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH SENATOR TOWER, AND HIS

6 \$250,000. LOAN TO TOWER'S RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

7 SAN ANTONIO DIVISION AT AUSTIN, TEXAS: REVIEW RECORDS AT

8 OFFICES OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE REGARDING [REDACTED] CAMPAIGN

9 CONTRIBUTION TO TOWER'S RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

10 WMFO AT WASHINGTON, D.C.: SAME LEAD AS SET OUT FOR SAN

11 ANTONIO, AT THE OFFICES OF THE CHIEF CLERK, U.S. SENATE.

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SSA [REDACTED] a confidential source has advised that he knows of a woman in Houston who has seen TOWER intoxicated in a Washington D.C. restaurant within the past few months. He is attempting to find current location of her, and will recontact us.

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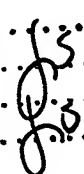
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Tower on display in show of support

By Kathy Kiely

POST WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — A number of senators have raised questions about whether he'll ever be confirmed, but John Tower was seated front and center with the rest of President Bush's Cabinet Thursday night.

In what amounted to a symbolic show of administration confidence in the embattled defense secretary-designate, Tower was seated between Secretary of the Treasury Nicholas Brady and Attorney General Dick Thornburgh in the front row of the House of Representatives to listen to the address.

Another controversial Bush nominee, Health and Human Services Secretary-designate Louis Sullivan, also sat with the Cabinet.

The former Texas senator, who served more than two decades on Capitol Hill, received lots of handshakes and pats on the back as he proceeded into the chamber.

Among those seeking him out: Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Me., and Senate Minority Whip Alan Simpson, R-Wyo.

Simpson and Tower appeared to have a friendly exchange despite the fact that in recent days Simpson has worried aloud over whether Tower may be "damaged goods."

But for Tower, the most heartening moment of all came at the end of the evening.

As he left the room, Bush reached across several Cabinet officials to grab his would-be Pentagon chief's hand. They spoke and when Bush pressed on, Tower was smiling.

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Tower becomes talk of the town

By Michael Posner

REUTER NEWS SERVICE

WASHINGTON — In this power-hungry town of politics and gossip, tiny John Tower has become a giant of folklore stirring tales of hard drinking and sexual exploits.

The Senate Armed Services Committee is trying to sift through this thicket of fact and fiction to decide whether to approve the good friend of President Bush as defense secretary.

At the moment, bettors say approval is still likely despite allegations of impropriety from various sources — the public, an ex-wife, journalists and senators.

Tower is true-blue Texan but belies the stereotypes of a lanky cowboy or a rich oil or cattle baron.

Now 63, he stands about 5 feet 5 inches, a round man with a pixie face and squinting eyes, deadly serious and stern in public — an arms expert and veteran politician.

A dandy with slicked-down hair, his clothes are expensive and his manner is formal — a throwback to his early days as a student at London School of Economics and as a Texas college professor.

After hours, so the tales go, Tower is a big man about Washington — one network news report used the phrase "hard-drinking tomcat."

A photograph in wide circulation showed him at a costume party several years ago, leaping around in a Superman suit.

Even before Bush announced the nomination in December, Tower tales made the rounds.

Lilla Burt Cummings, second wife of the twice-divorced Tower, said he was quite a ladies' man — with other women — during their 10-year marriage.

Reports have also been published about after-hours fun in Geneva, where Tower was a strategic arms negotiator in 1985 and 1986.

One had him chasing a secretary around a table and indulging in all-night, hard-drinking poker games.

Earlier this month, Tower was lunching at a hotel with friend Dorothy Heiser — unaware Washington Post reporters were dining within earshot.

The next day, the Post's gossip column said Tower "suddenly, playfully lunged at Heiser, his arms reaching toward her under the table, and said, 'I'm going to fondle you.' She gave a little shriek and jumped lightly and said, 'Don't you do that!' He

stopped and they resumed eating."

Hardline conservative activist Paul Weyrich claims to have seen Tower drunk several times. But allegation of drinking and womanizing are not his only problems.

After leaving the Senate in 1985, where he had served since 1961 as the first Republican senator elected from Texas since the Civil War, he made a fortune in three years as a defense consultant.

The Senate has been investigating the \$760,000 Tower earned from arms manufacturers, questioning whether he can be free of conflicts of interest in dealing with former employees once he is in charge of the Pentagon's \$300 billion budget.

Also being probed is whether any campaign finance laws were violated when he was a senator.

Armed Services Committee Chairman Sam Nunn, D-Ga., said he wants answers to all charges before the panel votes on the nomination. That means at least another two weeks with no one at the helm of the Pentagon.

Tower himself, supported by many acquaintances, denies stories of wild behavior. During questioning about his drinking habits, he described himself to senators as a man of some discipline.

He was also an extremely powerful man in the Senate, a man of often short temper.

Such men make enemies.

The phones to the FBI have been buzzing with Tower stories, most of them cleared by investigators as unfounded.

Rejection by the Senate would be a rare event. It has not turned down a presidential Cabinet nominee since 1959.

While Washington awaits the results of the Tower affair — and savors all the stories with unconcealed glee — comedians are having a field day.

TV comic Jay Leno quips that his biggest fear about the proposed Pentagon chief is that World War III will start over a barroom brawl.



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Bush slams 'rumors,' stands behind Tower

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By Kathy Kiely

POST WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — With the latest FBI investigation of John Tower apparently still incomplete, President Bush on Monday continued to stand steadfastly behind his secretary of defense-designate, suggesting he is the victim of "rumors," "innuendo" and "spurious allegation."

"I'm not going to jump to conclusions based on stories that may or may not have any validity at all," said the president.

At a briefing where reporters switched from the announced subject of savings and loan bailouts to pepper the president with questions about Tower, Bush insisted his faith in the man he has nominated to head the Pentagon has not been shaken.

"I'm not about to change my view," said Bush. "Now if somebody comes up with facts, I hope I'm not narrow-minded enough that I wouldn't take a look, but I am not going to deal in the kinds of rumors that I've seen reported and then knocked down and then reported and then knocked down."

Bush indicated news accounts detailing alleged personal and professional improprieties by Tower have not impressed him.

"It's very hard to filter out fact from fiction, spurious allegation from facts," he said. "And I'm not about to make a judgment based on a sensationalized newspaper story. I'm simply not going to do that. That wouldn't be fair."

Bush dismissed suggestions that Tower's ability to lead the Pentagon may have been damaged already by the controversy.

"I think people would not want a person to step aside, given rumor, particularly if the rumor is baseless," he said.

Bush acknowledged some concern over the delays in Tower's confirmation, saying

"the process is taking a little longer than I would like," but he added: "I think the Senate has got to do what they're doing."

Meanwhile, on Capitol Hill, Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Sam Nunn, D-Ga., told reporters he has not scheduled a date for a confirmation vote on Tower because he has not yet received a report from the FBI on its investigation into the latest round of allegations about Tower's personal life.

Nunn and the committee's ranking Republican, John Warner of Virginia, indicated they have had some communication with administration officials about the Tower nomination but were tight-lipped when asked if they had received any information that exonerated Tower.

"There's no way I can respond to that," said Warner.

Nunn said he had no idea when he might receive the FBI's report.

The Armed Services Committee, which held several days of hearings on Tower's confirmation, requested the FBI investigation last week after new allegations were reported that Nunn termed "serious."

Those allegations, according to sources close to the committee and to Tower, involved Tower's drinking and dating habits, including a rumor he had been involved with a Russian ballerina living in Houston.

While the speculation and controversy continued to swirl, Tower — and the administration — apparently continued to proceed on the assumption he will be confirmed.

Bush's press secretary, Marlin Fitzwater, said Tower attended White House budget planning sessions on Saturday and Monday. The Monday session included the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Bush, Fitzwater said. He called Tower's inclusion "entirely appropriate."

"The president is free to ask anyone he wants for advice on the budget," Fitzwater said.

Tower has remained mum throughout the confirmation process, but one of his closest friends said he is unfazed by the flap he has provoked. "He feels very confident," said Dallas lawyer Paul Eggers, a longtime confidant of Tower.

Eggers said Tower, in a weekend conversation, characterized the latest allegations as "more of the same." According to Eggers, Tower said he had been questioned about whether he'd had a relationship with a Russian ballerina.

"The whole thing is just a complete fiction," said Eggers. He said Tower has calendars indicating he seldom traveled to Houston and that when he did "he never spent overnight."

Added Eggers: "John doesn't like ballet anyway."

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Backers fear Tower's bid in jeopardy

By Kathy Kiely

POST WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — President Bush and his secretary of defense-designee, John Tower, were hanging tough Wednesday in the face of a drumbeat of doubts that even Tower's allies said could jeopardize his nomination.

For the second time this week, Bush went out of his way to show support for Tower, saying he has "seen nothing ... that makes me change my mind about John Tower's ability to be secretary of defense" and expressing concern that his nominee has been for too long the subject of "rumor and frenzied speculation."

But some supporters were expressing concern.

Said Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas: "It's almost become a game. There's sort of this blood-in-the-water syndrome."

Gramm, who said he spoke with Tower several times during the day, described him as "upbeat and positive" but somewhat concerned about his prospects for confirmation. "I think he believes it's a contested matter now," Gramm said.

Bush's words were one bright spot for Tower in a day that began with Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Sam Nunn announcing that he is, at the moment, leaning against the former Texas senator.

Breaking a longstanding policy of public neutrality, the powerful and well-respected Georgia Demo-

crat, who presides over Tower's confirmation hearings, said he would vote no on the nomination if he had to vote now.

He said he has "serious concerns," one having to do with "whether there has been an alcohol abuse problem." Tower has publicly denied any drinking problems.

Nunn gave no indication that his mind was changed by either a status report on the FBI's investiga-

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Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas

tion or a meeting he had with Tower later in the day.

Following a briefing he and Sen. John Warner, R-Va., the ranking Republican on the Armed Services Committee, received later in the day on the latest FBI investigation of Tower, Nunn told reporters: "My position is exactly as it was this morning."

The senators then met for 90 minutes with Tower, a meeting they said Tower had requested.

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At left, Defense Secretary-designate John Tower leaves the office of Sen. Sam Nunn,

Armed Services Committee chairman, who addresses reporters at right.

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Tower left without speaking to reporters.

Nunn and Warner, who remained closeted for another 40 minutes after Tower left, were almost equally tight-lipped. "We had a good meeting. That's all we want to say," Nunn said.

Though Bush's press secretary, Marlin Fitzwater, told reporters that the FBI report contained nothing damaging about Tower, the nearly two-hour closed door briefing with White House Counsel Boyden Gray did produce one piece of bad news for the nominee.

Nunn said Gray told the two senators it would take "a week to 10 days" for the FBI to finish its investigation of the latest allegations about Tower. Gray believes the probe "must be completed" before the Senate votes on confirmation, Nunn added.

Dallas attorney Paul Eggers, a friend and sometime business partner of Tower's, said Tower believes the latest allegations against him have something to do with political contributions he received while in the Senate. Eggers said Tower told him the contributions — which came from military contractors to several senators — were the subject of an earlier investigation that cleared all the lawmakers.

One administration source expressed similar confidence in the outcome of the latest FBI probe, predicting it would prove "a dry hole."

Yet several Tower supporters said they and Tower himself fear time could be against him. Backers argued that delaying his confirmation vote will allow more time for opposition to build, and for new — and, they say, unfounded — allegations to trickle in.

"They're just going to dump and dump and dump as long as the chairman (Nunn) lets them," said Eggers.

Tower spent much of the day acting like a man who expects he will be heading the defense department. He met for what Fitzwater described as a breakfast "policy meeting" with Secretary of State James Baker and National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft and spent part of his day working at the Pentagon.

Fitzwater, who said Tower has security clearances from his work as a member of former President Reagan's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, insisted there is nothing inappropriate in Tower's role.

"We expect him to be secretary of defense," said Fitzwater, who emphatically denied that any list of new candidates for the post is being compiled.

Bush expressed dismay over the increasingly embarrassing and personal confirmation process Tower has undergone, but also indicated he feels helpless to do much about it.

"The problem you get is that some allegations are laid to rest and then, in another form, they come back again but without any foundation in fact that I know of," he said. "That has happened to this man over and over again."

But Bush insisted he is not trying to rush the Senate. "The process has to be thorough," he said.

The president, who, Fitzwater said, is briefed regularly on the FBI's findings on Tower, said he has seen no information that would cause him to share Nunn's concerns about "insobriety or about failure to be ready for duty 24 hours a day."

Several Democrats on the Armed Services Committee have said they are wrestling with doubts over possible alcohol abuse by Tower. Sen. James Exon, D-Neb., said Tuesday he is "convinced that John Tower at one time — months or years ago — had a serious problem with alcohol" and said a number of committee members have not yet satisfied themselves that "he has corrected that problem."

Nunn, at his morning press conference, said the same question is on his mind, calling it "a matter of serious concern to me" and adding, "I do not have an answer to that yet."

"It's not a matter of one or two episodes, it's a question of whether there's a continuing pattern," Nunn said. "The secretary of defense has to, in my view, have clarity of thought at all times. There's no such thing as an eight-hour day in that job."

Eggers said the former senator drinks only in moderation, but he acknowledged that may not always have been the case.

"Back early in the '70s, before he married Lilla, he did have too much to drink at times. Lilla put a stop to that," said Eggers, referring to Tower's divorced second wife.

Eggers said that Tower feels the delay in the Senate vote "lowers the odds for confirmation," but that he intends to weather the process. "He isn't about to give up," Eggers said.

Gramm expressed hope that Nunn would be willing to take a committee vote on Tower's confirmation as soon as the ongoing FBI investigation is completed. Noting that at weddings, ministers traditionally admonish the congregation to "Speak now or forever hold your peace," Gramm said, "I think we're about at that point in the ceremony."

Post reporters Juan R. Palomc and Kathy Lewis also contributed to this story.

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GOP rallies to Tower's aid, decries 'feeding frenzy' of charges

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WASHINGTON — Democrats said Thursday that Defense Secretary-designate John Tower's nomination will rise or fall on the answers to outstanding questions, but Republicans rallied to his side, one complaining of a "feeding frenzy" of allegations.

Sen. Sam Nunn, the Armed Services Committee chairman who has said he would formally oppose the nomination if a vote were held now, said he'd be ready to work with Tower if the confirmation goes through, no matter how he had voted.

Behind the scenes, things also appeared to be looking up for Tower.

Just prior to President Bush's budget speech Thursday night, Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, and Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., met to discuss the status of the Tower nomination with Nunn, D-Ga., and the committee's ranking Republican, John Warner.

Warner said the group agreed to try to expedite action on Tower's confirmation if the White House and FBI have completed their investigations by the time the Senate returns from its recess the week after next.

Dole said the Armed Services Committee could try to act on the

Tower nomination as early as a week from Tuesday.

"Sam Nunn doesn't want to hold this up," Dole said.

However, there apparently was no agreement to prevent possible new allegations against Tower from creating further delays in his confirmation process.

"There is no way the committee can or should impose a lid," said Warner.

Nunn has delayed a committee vote on the nomination at least until Feb. 21 — the Senate will be in recess until then — so the FBI can review allegations of a financial nature against the former Texas senator.

Other questions involve Tower's use of alcohol, Nunn said.

His position was echoed by several other Democrats on the 20-member Armed Services Committee which Tower once headed.

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[redacted] telephone [redacted] was advised of the nature of the interview and the identity of the interviewing agent. [redacted] was further advised of the provisions of the Privacy Act (e) (3). [redacted] stated that she had heard a U.S. Senator serving on the Senate Armed Services Committee comment that all the negative information previously provided to the FBI regarding Senator JOHN TOWER had come from anonymous sources. [redacted] stated that she would like to be kept as confidential as possible as a source of information. If it is necessary, [redacted] is agreeable to being identified to President GEORGE BUSH and to members of the Senate Armed Services Committee. [redacted] provided the following information.

On [redacted] birthday, [redacted] 1988, she and companions dined at the SAN SIMEON restaurant in Dallas, Texas. At approximately 10:00 pm, they went to THE CLUB, a night club attached to the restaurant. Soon after they were seated, someone in their group said, "Oh look, there's Senator TOWER." TOWER was seated on a banquette along the wall with a very attractive, slender, [redacted] approximately [redacted] years old. TOWER and his date were obviously not sober. [redacted] could not remember if she heard TOWER speaking. The lighting in the club was low, and [redacted] could not observe if TOWER's eyes were bloodshot. The cocktail waitress, named [redacted] had to pass by [redacted] table to serve TOWER and his companion. [redacted] estimated that TOWER was served at least two or three times in a time period of approximately one and one half hours. [redacted] could not tell what TOWER was drinking. He was not falling down drunk, but he did not appear to have good equilibrium, and was unsteady at times when he walked to and from the dance floor. [redacted] characterized TOWER as a happy drunk. He was not belligerent, or loud. TOWER was acting somewhat amorously and suggestively with his date. He sat very close to her, and had his arm around her. [redacted] did not observe TOWER do anything blatantly inappropriate, but stated that she would have felt embarrassed or irritated with a date that behaved as TOWER did in public.

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When leaving the dance floor one time, TOWER's date tripped and fell "sprawled out" right in front of [] table. Unfortunately, she had also fallen out of her strapless dress. TOWER looked at her and laughed, and seemed to be matter of fact and casual about the whole thing. TOWER's date stood up, then pulled her dress back up. [] could not tell if she did this purposely, but added that she certainly was not trying to hide what had happened.

At some point in the evening, [] looked up and noticed that TOWER's date was not with him. TOWER had left his table, and had approached a table of two or three young women in their mid twenties. TOWER seemed to know these women, and sat down and put his arm around a [] with long hair. [] looked back at the table, and observed TOWER "fondling" the [] buttocks. [] is a lifelong resident of Texas, and stated that she has long been aware of TOWER's reputation as a womanizer and drinker. At the time, of the above described incident, [] and her companions laughed, and said, "Well he's (TOWER) moved on." [] stated that the clientele of THE CLUB is well-dressed, and appeared to be the moneyed younger Dallas "society types" with most of the patrons in their thirties. It was not a group of people that could be considered to be TOWER's peers.

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Tower absent as Bush meets on Soviet plan

By Kathy Lewis

POST WASHINGTON BUREAU

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine — President Bush — who has been criticized by some for dragging his feet on U.S.-Soviet relations — Sunday interrupted his weekend here to confer with experts on the Kremlin.

Bush met for several hours with five scholars on U.S.-Soviet relations at his waterfront vacation home.

White House press secretary Marlin Fitzwater said the group

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was put together on short notice — drawing on nearby East Coast universities.

Former Texas Sen. John Tower, Bush's embroiled secretary of defense-designate, was not present for the session, which included National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft and Deputy Secretary of State-designate Lawrence Eagleburger.

Eagleburger represented Secretary of State James Baker who is on a 15-stop tour of NATO nations in Europe.

Bush has been criticized by some for saying he wants to carefully review U.S.-Soviet relations and various national security policies before proceeding. The critics have suggested that the delay — which they say is surprising given the fact Bush was vice president for eight years — actually means a lack of agenda.

However, Bush strongly defends his approach. He said he told Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney during their summit Friday:

"It is not a foot-dragging operation. It is not trying to send a signal to Secretary Gorbachev that we want to move backward. It is simply prudent."

He also has said he's convinced Mulroney, Gorbachev and other leaders understand that.

The review has been delayed in part by the fact that Tower's confirmation has been delayed and re-

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mains in question. The other factor slowing the process is that key deputy posts at both the Departments of State and Defense are not yet filled.

Bush is spending the weekend here after a frenetic week in which he announced his plan for dealing with the savings and loan crisis, wrestled with the ongoing problems involving Tower's nomination, addressed Congress and met with Mulroney in Ottawa.

Today Bush flies to Manchester, New Hampshire for the first of several on-the-road appearances to build support for his budget proposals.

Bush faces long weeks ahead as the good will expressed Thursday night by Democrats shifted into charges that Bush ducked the tough budget questions and left Congress with the role of fall guy.

On Sunday network interview shows, administration officials defended that budget and said the Democratic reaction was to be expected.

"I don't think we're at an impasse at all," budget director Richard Darman said on CBS's *Face the Nation*.

He acknowledged Bush emphasized the positive in his speech, and he suggested the Democrats now "would like to regain a little bit of ground."

In his speech, Bush laid out programs he wants to emphasize or spend more money on but did not, for example, mention he would cut the rate of growth in Medicare by \$5 billion or that he would freeze \$136 billion in programs without increases for inflation.

In the budget, Bush said, those programs could be frozen across the board, or decisions could be made to raise some and cut others.

Democrats have charged that the freeze actually represents cuts because there is no allowance for inflation.

Darman predicted "this phase" would last a week and a half. "That's very understandable. The key is to get past it and on to negotiations."

On ABC's *This Week with David Brinkley*, White House chief of staff John Sununu insisted he still thinks the reception was "fairly good" and that the Democratic leadership recognizes the opportunity to get something done and "to share the credit" for having accomplished it.

Speaking for the Democrats,

House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dan Rostenkowski said he likes the fact that Bush called for a debate, but he said the administration's economic assumptions are based on fallacies.

On the TV show *Sununu* also defended Tower and expressed confidence he will be confirmed.

"The Senate has to work its course. We understand that. That's the right thing to do. But the President is convinced that the same thing will happen as they go through this, that those allegations will be proven not to have any basis and that when they do vote, John Tower will be confirmed," said Sununu.

Bush has spent a relaxing weekend in snowy, but sunny Maine at his vacation home with its spectacular view of the Atlantic.

This was his first visit as president and his new status requires extra precautions. There are checkpoints at each end of the road that runs behind his house, but visits are permitted to drive it as long as they do not stop their cars.

Over the weekend, Bush watched the movie, *Three Men and a Cradle*, worked in his nearby office and walked 2½ miles into town Saturday to buy "a couple of razor blades" and other items at the Colonial Pharmacy.

Bush had told reporters he wanted to get some exercise after having been somewhat cabin-bound for two weeks with his cold.

Bush and his wife, Barbara, attended church at the First Congregational Church.

During the service, the Rev. Robert Howes in welcoming the Bushes called them "Mister President and our first lady Barbara."

He drew laughter when he said that would be the only time he would address them so formally.

"You are George and Barbara and our dear friends, and we're happy you are home with us."

When the congregation was asked for announcements, one woman noted an upcoming church dinner and Barbara Bush volunteered, "We had a new baby."

She was referring to the child born to Neil and Sharon Bush last week.

After joining the worshipers for coffee in the parish house, Bush emerged to hear one woman call to him, "George, we'll see you Easter."

A somewhat tentative president.

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4 tell FBI Tower seen drunk in '88

By Juan R. Palomo

POST-WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — FBI agents Thursday interviewed four people who said they saw an allegedly inebriated John Tower cavorting with several young women at a Dallas nightclub last July.

Three of those interviewed by the FBI are Texans.

One of those interviewed said they told the FBI that Tower, the secretary of defense nominee, remained at the club after his companion left and continued to dance with other women.

"He was doing his stupor-drunk act," said one of those interviewed. "He was slouching and stumbling when he walked from the dance floor — he obviously was not em-

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harrassed."

Another, who spoke on the condition that no names would be used, said the four informants contacted the FBI because they got "fed up" with defenders of Tower in the Senate and the administration claiming that he has not had a drinking problem since the 1970s.

"What really solidified it this morning was the constant replay of one senator on all the morning newscasts saying that all the information about Tower is all anonymous innuendo and that no one is willing to come forward," that person said. "That's wrong. It's not innuendo. It's fact — I've seen it."

The New York Times quoted a White House official Thursday as saying the administration acknowledges evidence of immoderate or excessive drinking in the 1970s "which appears to have been curbed and brought under control in the '80s" and that allegations

corroborated by other witnesses.

Tower himself told the Senate Armed Services Committee during his confirmation hearing that he is "a man of some discipline."

There was no such discipline evident at the Dallas club that night, one of the sources said.

"This man is purporting to have become a saint and he's not," said that person. "I just don't happen to think that he's changed."

The sources said they had no political motives for volunteering their information and one of them said the political affiliation of the four was "about half Republican and half Democrat."

According to two of those interviewed, FBI agents said the information would be forwarded to the Senate Armed Services Committee, which Thursday night voted to recommend rejection of Tower's nomination by the Senate.

The agents also told them others who had volunteered information before had been unwilling to agree to repeat their allegations

be willing to tell their story before the panel or President Bush.

They said they would if their identity is protected.

The four described to the FBI a scene at The Club, the disco portion of the San Simeon Restaurant in Dallas on July 8.

They had gone there for dinner and, at about 11 p.m., decided to go to the disco for a drink to celebrate a birthday.

They said Tower and a female companion repeatedly danced. During one of their dances Tower's partner stumbled and almost fell, they said, causing her dress straps to come loose and expose both her breasts.

They told the FBI that after the woman left, Tower, 63, remained behind and "continued to pick up other young women" to dance with.

"He continued to dance and he would put his hands on their behinds," one said.

The four said they left after about 90 minutes and Tower was still dancing

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[redacted] stated that after watching news reports stating that the FBI report had "cleared" Senator JOHN TOWER on allegations of drinking and womanizing, she felt compelled to provide the following information. On July 8, 1988, [redacted] and several friends were celebrating a birthday at SAN SIMEON, a French restaurant in Dallas, Texas. After dining, [redacted] group adjourned to THE CLUB, a dance club which is part of SAN SIMEON. Senator TOWER was seated against the wall in a booth, with [redacted] party seated approximately eight feet away. [redacted] observed TOWER for approximately thirty to forty-five minutes.

In [redacted] estimation, both TOWER and his date were "obviously drunk." [redacted] thought that TOWER ordered one or two rounds of drinks during the time she was able to observe him, but could not tell what he was drinking. [redacted] was not close enough to hear TOWER, or to see if his eyes were bloodshot. TOWER did not act "wildly", and did not stumble, but rather seemed to be a quiet drunk. He looked "out of it, lethargic, and comatose," and sat slumped down in the booth.

TOWER's date was wearing a black strapless cocktail dress. [redacted] stated that one time when TOWER and his companion left the dance floor, his date tripped over [redacted] chair, and fell to her knees. Her dress fell to her waist. She struggled to her feet, "shoving her breasts into her dress." TOWER did not act embarrassed or appalled, but simply helped his date to her feet, and returned to the booth. [redacted] stated that this was of course quite a spectacle, and everyone in the club turned around to look.

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stated that she would check business files, and provide the FBI the names and phone numbers of her companions the evening of July 8, 1988.

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[redacted] has not been close to Senator JOHN TOWER for several years. [redacted] is wary of condemning anyone on a faulty memory, and stated that he could not provide specific details regarding TOWER's drinking habits. At one point in time, TOWER was certainly a problem drinker, but [redacted] has no knowledge that TOWER has continued to drink heavily in the last few years. [redacted] could not recall when he last saw TOWER intoxicated, but stated that it was before TOWER retired from the U.S. Senate.

[redacted] has seen TOWER at social gatherings obviously drunk, but has seen him sober as well. There was no question that at times, TOWER acted inappropriately while intoxicated. He would become an "arrogant little ass," say inappropriate things, and become too familiar with women. During TOWER's first marriage, [redacted] did observe him in the company of women other than his wife. [redacted] did not recall ever seeing TOWER in the company of another woman during his second marriage.

[redacted] and has had a great deal of personal experience with alcoholics. [redacted] has paid close attention to TOWER's testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee, and stated that what is really disturbing is the fact that TOWER has not admitted, at least to the committee, that he did in fact have a drinking problem. Denial is a classic sign of an alcoholic, and [redacted] would have liked to have heard TOWER say that he did have a problem, and had sought treatment for it. TOWER's statement that he now "only drinks wine" is the type of statement that a problem drinker laughs at, or cries about.

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could not condemn TOWER without personal, current verifiable knowledge that he continues to have a problem with alcohol. TOWER is a security risk, but perhaps he is measurably less of a danger in view of the recent news reports about his drinking and womanizing. TOWER is a very intelligent and capable individual; his suitability for the position of Secretary of Defense all boils down to the question of whether or not he still has a drinking problem.

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Senate panel: No on Tower

By Kathy Kiely

POST WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Defense-designate John Tower's nomination is headed to the Senate floor heavily freighted with charges that he drinks too much.

In a dramatic late-night meeting Thursday that followed two days of closed-door sessions, the Senate Armed Services Committee voted 11-9 along straight party lines, to advise their colleagues not to consent to President Bush's choice of the former Texas senator to head the Pentagon.

In Tokyo, where he was attending the funeral of the late Emperor Hirohito, Bush said he was sticking by Tower and expected him to be confirmed by the full Senate.

If Tower is rejected, it would be only the ninth time in history that a Cabinet nominee was turned down.

Tower, in a statement, said he was "obviously disappointed with

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the outcome of the Senate Armed Services Committee vote."

But the statement said Tower will continue to work at the Pentagon "and await the vote of full Senate on his confirmation."

The atmosphere was solemn and sometimes bitter as the committee — which Tower himself once headed — conducted an extraordinary public examination of the private life of a man many of them know.

Committee Chairman Sam Nunn, D-Ga., cited "a clear pattern of excessive drinking and alcohol abuse" as the chief reason he would vote against Tower. A long line of Democrats followed suit.

Republican committee members delivered a series of glowing testimonials to Tower's character, saying that none of them had ever seen him incapacitated by alcohol. They charged that Tower is being "ruined" on the basis of unsubstantiated rumors.

"It is not fair. It is wrong. It is

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dangerous," protested Sen. Pete Wilson, R-Calif.

Initially, at least, it appeared that both Tower and the Bush administration were prepared to take their fight to the Senate floor.

White House lobbyist Frederick McClure said he spoke to Bush in Tokyo, and the president indicated he was ready to go to the mat for Tower.

"He said, 'Hang in there, I'll be home Monday,'" McClure reported. McClure said he also spoke to Tower just before the Armed Services Committee convened and that the nominee's mood was good.

When asked if he thought Tower would withdraw his name, McClure, who used to work for the former senator, said: "I doubt it."

But Tower's strongest Capitol Hill supporters are far from sanguine about his chances for winning approval in the full Senate, where Democrats hold a 55-45 majority.

"It's going to be a tough, uphill battle," said Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas. The committee's negative vote on Tower capped a lengthy — and, for many of the senators — agonizing investigation into the life of a man who belonged for 24 years to the same exclusive club they do.

Nunn called it "painful" for Tower and his family and added: "Certainly it's been difficult for members, many of whom have known him as a colleague and as a friend."

The committee's ranking Republican, John Warner, of Virginia, said more than 400 people were interviewed in the FBI's investigation of Tower. According to

Wilson, those interviews included several with waiters at two Washington restaurants that Tower has been known to frequent.

Though Democrats acknowledged the FBI report contains, in the words of Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., "no smoking gun," all — with the exception of Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., who cited concerns about Tower's relationship with defense contractors — indicated they believe there is considerable evidence of a drinking problem.

Committee members said White House officials and Tower himself have acknowledged there were episodes of excessive drinking on the senator's part during the 1970s. Tower, whose friends say he limits his alcohol intake to one or two glasses of wine a day, contends he has no drinking problem now.

"I am a man of some discipline," he told the committee during confirmation hearings.

But the Democratic members found that response inadequate.

"I have searched in vain for a point in time when the nominee acknowledged this problem and dealt with it decisively," Nunn said.

Several senators also questioned the twice-divorced former senator's dating habits. While the committee found no evidence to corroborate reports Tower had liaisons with Soviet bloc women, Nunn said, "There are, however, some examples of conduct which I find indiscreet."

Republicans insisted the Democrats were misinterpreting the FBI data, contending the bureau found no clear evidence of misconduct on Tower's part.

A number of Tower's supporters called for the FBI report, which is



AP photo

Former Texas Sen. John Tower reads newspapers as he leaves his hotel residence in Washington Thursday.

scheduled to become available to the full Senate Monday, to be made public. They said the data would help clear Tower's reputation.

Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, said through a spokesman that he wants to read the report before making a decision.

"Are we going to turn this man down on hearsay, innuendo, charges that are unfounded?" asked Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C.

Warner said he interviewed a large number of senators who served with Tower and all had given him a clean bill of health.

"Not one single U.S. senator — not one — can ever recall a single instance where any one of his personal habits ever interfered with his personal duty."

Several Tower supporters complained he was being asked to meet an almost inhuman standard of conduct.

"This is not a canonization," said Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss. "We're only charged with the re-

sponsibility of determining whether this man is capable or incapable of performing as secretary of defense."

But Democrats countered that the defense post is so sensitive, demands a higher standard of conduct.

Several suggested that, given his drinking history, Tower would not qualify to hold a post in the military's Strategic Air Command.

To make his point about the need for an ever vigilant Pentagon chief, Nunn read off a litany of recent national security crises that have occurred in the wee hours of the morning. And Byrd declared: "A person in the position of secretary of defense must possess: unfailingly sound judgment, and precise, careful, cogent reasoning powers: all times."

Some Republicans questioned whether the Democrats didn't have an ulterior motive: To eliminate strong, knowledgeable secretary of defense.

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Tower: I have never been an alcoholic

Swears he won't drink
'spirits of any kind'
if confirmed as defense chief

REUTER NEWS SERVICE

WASHINGTON — John Tower, in a last-gasp bid to salvage his nomination as defense secretary, Sunday denied he had a drinking problem and pledged to give up all forms of alcohol if confirmed as chief of the Pentagon.

"Let me state that I have never been an alcoholic nor dependent on alcohol," Tower said on ABC News' *This Week With David Brinkley*.

"However, to allay any fears or doubts on this matter, I hereby swear and undertake that if confirmed, during the course of my tenure as secretary of defense, I will not consume beverage alcohol of any type or form, including wine, beer or spirits of any kind."

Asked about charges that he was a womanizer, Tower replied: "I'm a single man. I do date women. I've been a single man for 3½ years. . . . But womanizing is a broad term. What is your definition of the term?"

Tower's appearance on the ABC show was part of a media blitz by the White House aimed at saving Tower's nomination when the full Senate debates it Wednesday.

Tower up until now has kept a low profile as the Senate Armed Services Committee studied charges of excessive drinking, womanizing and his association with defense contractors.

The committee, led by Georgia Democrat Sam Nunn, voted 11-9 Thursday to reject Tower for the post and recommended the full Senate turn him down.

Tower said his objective "is to try to remove the obstacles to my confirmation" and added he believed the alcohol abuse question appeared to be the principal problem.

Tower read a letter from a Texas doctor who removed a polyp from his colon. The letter said Tower "shows no evidence at all of alcohol impairment or alcoholism."

Tower admitted he had a drinking problem in the 1970s but said the only time he drinks now is wine with dinner and that he has not had hard liquor for 12 years. He said he would resign as defense secretary if he broke his pledge.

He said he had not considered withdrawing his nomination to save Bush the embar-

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rassment of a major political defeat in his young presidency.

"No, I think I'm eminently qualified to be secretary of defense. The president thinks so. And the president is usually entitled to his judgment on these matters," he said.

"I think it'd be more damaging to the president to back away from a controversy like this."

Nunn, whose efforts against Tower until now have focused on charges of excessive drinking, expanded his case against the former Texas senator Sunday. He had no comment on Tower's pledge.

He accused Tower of using insider knowledge gained as an arms control negotiator to his profit as a consultant to major defense contractors.

Nunn said Tower was an ultimate example of the "revolving door" of officials who profit in the private sector from knowledge gained in government.

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Tower was the chief arms negotiator for the Reagan administration in 1985 START talks in Geneva. He was paid \$750,000 by defense contractors in the years that followed.

"Right after he got through (in Geneva), he immediately went to work for defense contractors. . . . In his words, he provided them information on the implications of our arms controls negotiations on future product development," Nunn told NBC News' *Meet The Press*.

"If someone knows for instance that the president might be willing



AP photo
John Tower all smiles before taping.

TOWER: Pledges not to drink if confirmed

to give up the MX (missile), should he go out and engage in a consultant relationship right after receiving that information with the company making the MX and the Midgetman?

"I think that is very questionable. It's a tough line to draw, but I do believe John Tower crossed that line on the revolving door."

Nunn said that even if Tower was not faced with excessive-drinking charges, he would "have to weigh carefully" Tower's nomination because of the appearance of a conflict of interest.

"I reject the charge totally," Tower said in response.

"I used my experience and my knowledge, but I always did it ethically, legally and I never told anybody anything that wasn't already in the public domain except my own evaluation of the information that was already available," he said.

Tower said he had severed all ties with defense contractors and proclaimed: "I am not in the pocket of the defense industry."

White House Chief of Staff John Sununu, traveling with President Bush in Asia, told reporters in Beijing that the administration hoped defecting Democrats would help the White House win the battle for



NUNN:
"Tough line"

Tower's confirmation.

The Senate is controlled 55-45 by the Democrats over the Republicans. Bush will try to coax a number of the Democrats, including conservative southerners like Howell Heflin of Alabama and Lloyd Bentsen of Texas, to his side when he returns today from his Asian trip.

"A lot of Democrats are leaning nicely," Sununu said.

Whether all 45 Republican senators would side with the administration was unclear. Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, a Kansas Republican, was quoted by The Washington Post Sunday as saying if she were in Tower's position she would ask the nomination be withdrawn.

Secretary of State James Baker, on CBS News' *Face The Nation* program, said there were no plans to withdraw the Tower nomination.

Nunn accused the White House of "selective leaking" of portions of the FBI investigation report of Tower to cast him in a favorable light.

He threatened to reopen committee hearings on the case and subpoena witnesses to get the full story out.

Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole called Tower's pledge "very, very significant," and urged Democrats and Republicans to meet and reassess the nomination.

"My view is it ought to be a new ball game. We ought to sit down and try to work it out and spare any hard feelings," said Dole, predicting that Tower will be confirmed.

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He further advised that the other possibility might be a NATASHA KOPROVOSKI (phonetic), who is also allegedly a Russian ballerina who resides in the Dallas, Texas, area and who visits Houston on a frequent basis.

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Bush says Tower victim of 'rumor'

By Kathy Kiely

POST WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — With a vote on his nomination tentatively set for this week, Secretary of Defense-designate John Tower won an emphatic vote of confidence Tuesday from President Bush, but the man whose vote really counts remained politely non-committal.

As senators digested what is apparently the last chapter in a long and embarrassing FBI investigation of Tower, Bush — who read portions of the report before it was sent to Capitol Hill late Monday — forcefully defended the former Texas senator as a victim of "innuendo" and "vicious rumor."

"I've seen the report on Sen. Tower and I see nothing in there that would make me, if I were a senator, vote against Sen. Tower," said the president.

Bush also flatly denied that Tower has a drinking problem.

"There is no evidence of any kind of the disease 'alcoholism' — none, none whatsoever," he said.

Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Sam Nunn seemed less sure.

The influential Georgia Democrat, who has been presiding over Tower's confirmation hearings and who is believed capable of swaying a number of other senators' votes on the nomination, scheduled a closed-door committee meeting for today to discuss the FBI's findings.

Nunn said he expects members to be ready to vote

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on Tower's nomination Thursday. He would not indicate which way he's decided to go.

"I'll announce my individual position at the appropriate time but I'm not going to try to give any more interim reports on my feelings," he said.

Nunn, who has expressed concern over reports of excessive drinking by Tower, ducked when asked whether the latest FBI investigation alleviated his doubts about the nomination.

"I think you have to look at the whole record and make a determination—and there will be people with differing opinions," he said.

A top White House official rated the chances of winning Nunn's vote at 50-50 — "maybe better."

Concerns about Tower's drinking and potential conflicts of interest arising from his lucrative consulting work for defense contractors appear to be the major questions committee members are wrestling with.

Sen. John Warner, the top-ranking Republican on the Armed Services Committee, indicated he had no new concerns about Tower after talking with Kenneth Adelman, the Reagan administration's arms control chief, about Adelman's contention in a newspaper column last week that Tower's "lack of discretion" in Geneva "proved troublesome."

Warner press aide Christa Nass said Warner felt Adelman's concerns were "opinion statements, based on facts the committee already is aware of."

Alleged indiscretions in the Geneva arms control delegation will be the subject of a closed hearing a House Energy and Commerce subcommittee is holding today to receive testimony from State Department security investigator Berne Indahl. But a committee source said allegations under investigation do not directly involve Tower.

The key to the success or failure

of the Tower nomination may well lie in the hands of Nunn, at age 50 one of the Senate's most well-respected members.

Though some of Tower's more ardent backers have privately grumbled that Nunn is stringing out the confirmation hearings artificially — possibly because of ulterior political motives, that view does not appear to be shared by the White House. Bush himself praised Nunn's conduct of the hearings at a press conference Tuesday.

"I think he's been fair," the president said.

Added former Democratic National Committee Chairman John White: "He's almost painfully squeaky clean."

Far from believing Nunn is trying to make some political hay with Tower's confirmation hearings, White believes he probably finds the process of trying to judge a former colleague an ordeal. "This has to be a terrible struggle for him," he said.

Georgia Democratic operative Bert Lance, who has known Nunn for years, agreed: "Sam Nunn is not a hidden agenda-type person," he said.

Like Tower, who chaired the Armed Services Committee before him, Nunn is the product of a small town, southern Methodist upbringing. Like Tower, he is a serious student of military matters and tends to be hawkish on defense.

In other ways, however Nunn is very different from the dapper Texas bon vivant.

The former Eagle Scout, who combs his hair over a bald spot and stubbornly clings to his horn-rimmed glasses against the advice of political image-makers, has been known to enjoy an interlude on the golf course (he's a scratch player) or the tennis courts, but eschews the small talk and the social circuit that makes up so big a part of life in the nation's capital.

"He's a very serious person — in the good sense of the word," said Lance.

Tower conduct 'troublesome,' ex-official says

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — New allegations of "troublesome" indiscretions by Defense Secretary-designate John Tower arose Thursday, and the Senate Armed Services Committee chairman raised the possibility that the Senate may hold a rare closed session to grapple with questions about Tower's personal life.

Former arms control chief Kenneth Adelman said Tower's personal conduct when he served as a U.S. negotiator in Geneva created problems for the State Department. He said Tower's actions, which he declined to specify, raised questions about his judgment and integrity.

From January 1985 to April 1986, Tower headed the department's delegation that discussed mutual cuts in long-range nuclear missiles with the Soviets.

Tower's private behavior didn't directly affect his conduct of official business at the Geneva talks, Adelman said. Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., chairman of the armed services panel, has said an investigation of Tower's actions in Geneva found no security breaches.

But Adelman said Tower's conduct should be a factor in the Senate confirmation deliberations because "a defense secretary has no private life." Adelman spoke in an Los Angeles Times interview published Thursday and in a Washington Times column.

Adelman said he was impressed with Tower's performance as a strategic arms negotiator. "Yet his lack of discretion proved troublesome then, as before and since."



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Tower has been dogged by allegations of drinking and womanizing, and many senators also have voiced concern whether Tower could avoid conflicts of interest after receiving more than \$1 million as a consultant for major defense contractors since he left the Senate four years ago.

Nunn said he hopes his committee can vote on Tower's nomination next week. He said the "delay now is waiting on the FBI to check out an allegation that came from the Justice Department."

Nunn said that if the committee were to vote today, "I think most people on the committee haven't decided because we have not got all the information."

Nunn said that if questions arise from members of the Senate regarding Tower's personal life, the Senate may be forced to meet behind closed doors. Nunn spoke to reporters Wednesday during a visit to Rome, Ga.

Meanwhile, a prominent Republican senator said he doubted that the Senate will confirm Bush's nominee. Sen. David Durenberger, R-Minn., said Tower's past associations with defense contractors would cast a shadow over his decision-making at the Pentagon.

"I think he'd be haunted by that every decision he'd try to make, which doesn't make him a bad defense secretary, because he probably is the kind of tough guy we need," Durenberger said in Minneapolis.

But Sen. Rudy Boschwitz, R-Minn., said he expects Tower to win Senate approval and added: "He's a tough little dog, I tell you, and he's going to get into that Defense Department and he's going to think that his reputation needs a lot of repair, and it does, and I think he's going to do some pretty good work. He's going to shake those folks up and they need to be shaken up in the department."

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Senator torn between loyalty to Tower, party

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Republicans and Democrats alike lined up in near unison on the Senate floor on June 23, 1967, to take the extraordinary step of censuring one of their own.

On a day that would spell the eventual end of his political career and leave deep scars on his family, Thomas Dodd, the veteran Connecticut Democrat accused of misusing campaign funds, could count his advocates on a single hand. One of the few: a young Republican senator from Texas named John Tower.

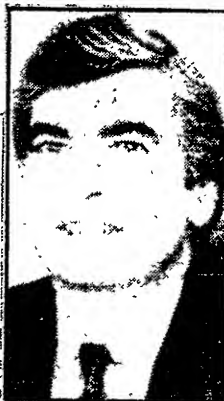
Now Dodd's son, who followed in his late father's political footsteps, is faced with a personally agonizing decision: whether to vote with his Democratic colleagues against Tower's nomination or support a man who backed his father even when longtime friends and political allies wouldn't.

The two Senate dramas, separated by 22 years, have become inseparably linked for Sen. Christopher J. Dodd, a potential swing vote on the Tower nomination.

Dodd, who according to aides remains undecided, has said Tower's support of his father will not be the deciding factor in his decision on the nomination. But Tower's actions, which included several last-minute attempts to water down the elder Dodd's punishment, weigh on the mind of the son.

"Of course I haven't forgotten how John Tower voted. What kind of son would I be if I did?" Dodd said.

Dodd spokesman Jason Isaacson called the past Tower connection a "minor consideration." More important to Dodd, according to Isaacson,

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is deciding for himself about the propriety of Tower's activities as a defense consultant after leaving the Senate.

"He will cast a vote as a United States senator and not simply as Tom Dodd's son," the aide said.

But others familiar with the senator's thinking believe the painful memory of his father's political demise could be a powerful factor.

"He definitely feels his dad got railroaded and feels a loyalty to those" who defended his father, said one Democrat.

It is easy to remember those who were in Tom Dodd's corner in June of 1967 because there were so few.

Voting against censure were Dodd, Sen. Russell B. Long, D-La.; fellow Connecticut Democrat Abraham Ribicoff; Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., and Tower.

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Senate votes 53-47 to reject Tower bid

By WILLIAM E. CLAYTON JR.
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WASHINGTON — The Senate Thursday rejected the nomination of John Tower to be defense secretary, ending a bitter fight and handing President Bush a historic defeat.

The 53-47 vote against the former senator from Texas, almost entirely along party lines, was the first rejection of an initial Cabinet choice by a new president in U.S. history.

Only eight previous Cabinet nominees have been turned down, the

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last being Lewis B. Strauss, nominated as secretary of commerce by President Eisenhower in 1959.

Bush advisers, sifting lists of possible replacement nominees that have circulated for more than a week, said a new candidate would be found quickly.

"We'll come up with a candidate very rapidly," said White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater, but added it would be "unrealistic" to expect a decision before next week.

Bush, seeking to downplay the

importance of his first major loss to the Democratic-controlled Congress, responded to the defeat with studied even-handedness.

"The Senate has made its determination," Bush said. "I respect its role in doing so but disagree with the outcome."

Tower's opponents, citing allegations that he drank excessively, questioned whether he should rank high in the chain of command that could take the nation into nuclear war. Other critics questioned the hundreds of thousands of dollars he earned recently as a consultant to

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defense contractors shortly after serving as a U.S. arms negotiator.

Tower defended himself vigorously, and one supporter called the Democrats' assault "a political execution."

Senate Republican leader Bob Dole of Kansas called the rejection of Tower "a partisan hotbed of character assassination . . . After we have done what we have done to this good man, maybe we ought to hang our heads," Dole said.

Bush said Tower's "lot in past weeks has been a cruel ordeal. For this I am truly sorry for both him and his family." Bush called Tower to express his regret, Fitzwater said.

Tower had jockeyed for eight years to head the Defense Department and believed Bush's nomination would crown a career of political service that began in 1961 when he was elected to the Senate.

Tower was conciliatory in defeat.

"I depart from this place at peace with myself, knowing that I have given a full measure of devotion to my country," he said at the Pentagon. "No public figure in my memory has been subjected to such a far-reaching and thorough investigation nor had his human foibles bared to such intensive and demeaning public scrutiny."

"It's time for the bitterness, rancor and anger to fade and for those elements of government who have been involved in the confirmation process to unite and be about the people's business."

Fitzwater defended the choice of Tower and the handling of the nomination by the fledgling White House staff and Senate Republican leaders.

"I don't know that we'd change a thing," he said.

Fitzwater said the White House was "not in the list business," but conceded top Bush aides and key members of Congress "have candidates on the tip of their tongue."

New prospects for the job make a long list. Some White House insiders suggested Bush's national security adviser, Brent Scowcroft, would figure prominently in the consideration, but others said he did not want to give up the daily access to the president afforded by his current post. Scowcroft said he was not in line for the job.

Others said to be among the major contenders are Norman Augustine,

chief executive of Martin Marietta Corp.; former Rep. Jack Edwards, R-Ala.; and two of Tower's staunchest defenders in the Senate, John Warner, R-Va., and William Cohen, R-Maine.

The vote against Tower, 63, was filled with ironies.

Many of the Democrats who opposed their former colleague had lavished praise on him at his retirement from the Senate in 1985.

Some Republicans who insisted in six days' acerbic debate that a president deserves his Cabinet choices had argued the other side against Democratic President Carter's Cabinet choices in 1977. One of the anti-Carter Republican debaters in the Senate at the time was John Tower.

Only one Republican, Sen. Nancy Kassebaum of Kansas, joined the majority against Tower. Only three Democrats — Lloyd Bentsen of Texas, Howell Heflin of Alabama and Christopher Dodd of Connecticut — voted for him.

Vice President Dan Quayle presided over the Senate during the vote, ready to add his vote for Tower if the Senate tied.

Although Thursday's debate was more civil than the bitter exchanges of earlier in the week, several Republicans took last-minute shots at

the charges against Tower and the partisan nature of the opposition.

"The Senate, in my judgment, has hit a new low," said Sen. Rudy Boschwitz, R-Minn.

"What this tells the world is that George Bush, who was elected president of the United States, still has to kowtow to a (Democratic-controlled) Congress," said Sen. Steven Symms, R-Idaho.

"A new standard of morality for public officials seems to be emerging. The public has been barraged with accusations about all aspects of Sen. Tower's private life," said Sen. James M. Jeffords, R-Vt.

Dole's last-ditch effort to change some Democratic minds failed early Thursday. He had proposed the Senate give Tower the job on six months' probation. That would show, if he could hold to his pledge, given on national television two weeks ago, not to drink if confirmed as defense secretary, Dole said.

Democrats, however, dismissed the proposal as a desperation move that would create a powerless interim secretary of defense and an undesirable precedent.

After Dole called Tower early Thursday to tell him the idea "is not going to change any votes," the GOP leader withdrew the proposal.

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Tower debate takes on more personal tone

By **WILLIAM E. CLAYTON JR.**
Houston Chronicle Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Debate on John Tower's nomination to be defense secretary took on an intense personal tone Tuesday, with one senator saying he had seen Tower intoxicated and another citing a deeply personal reason to give the nominee the benefit of the doubt.

Senators also quarreled among themselves so personally that a Senate elder had to interrupt and remind them of rules of courtesy.

Sen. Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz., said he had heard pro-Tower senators say too often that nobody in the Senate could claim ever to have seen him drunk.

"I have seen Senator Tower under the influence of alcohol" in the Senate, DeConcini said. "But inebriated to the point he could not operate? The answer is no."

DeConcini could not give details, but his assertion about Tower was the first such charge by a senator in

'I have seen Senator Tower under the influence of alcohol. But inebriated to the point he could not operate? The answer is no.'

Sen. Dennis DeConcini

the debate.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said DeConcini's contention means little because "the critical factor" is whether Tower was impaired in performing his duties.

But Tower took a tougher stance, issuing a statement saying, "I have never been inebriated on the Senate floor."

The flap over Tower's drinking came after President Bush told

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White House reporters, "I haven't had one single senator ... say, 'I have seen him' " drunk.

Bush dismissed the argument of some who say Tower is ineligible to be in the military chain of command because of a history of excessive drinking.

"He (Tower) has said he'd never touch another drop of liquor, and you'll have 25,000 people in the Pentagon making sure that's true," Bush said, calling such checks "a fail-safe guarantee."

The nominee gained an important ally Tuesday when Sen. Christopher Dodd of Connecticut became the second Democrat to rally to his side. Alabama Sen. Howell Heflin announced his support of Tower Monday.

Dodd said he would not have chosen Tower as defense secretary, if the choice had been his.

But he has a big reason to take care to afford Tower fairness, Dodd said: Twenty-two years ago, Tower was one of five senators who voted against censuring Dodd's father, Tom, then a senator, for improperly using campaign funds.

"I owe John Tower the same fairness and careful judgment he used 22 years ago," Dodd said. "I don't owe Senator Tower my vote."

His vote, he said, is based on one main reason. "The proof is simply not there to deny John Tower the nomination."

Earlier in the day, Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, drew the anger of Republican leader Bob Dole of Kansas by sending investigators to Texas to check out allegations concerning Tower's behavior.

Without giving details, Capitol sources said the allegations related to Tower's drinking and other "personal behavior" during a visit to a club at the Dallas-Fort Worth airport.

"We're aware that there were some government representatives who asked some questions of our Admiral's Club personnel," said American Airlines spokesman Jim Brown in Fort Worth. "They cooperated to the fullest extent. Beyond that, we don't have anything to say at this point."

Nunn said that as chairman of an investigations subcommittee of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, he has power to send investigators on a broad range of topics, including nominations to the Cabinet.

Dole said Nunn did not consult

with Republicans and was trying "to stick the last nail in the coffin" of Tower's reputation.

"When does it stop?" Dole asked. "It's not fair."

Nunn said the FBI had told him the agency had ended its investigation, so he had no choice but to put subcommittee investigators on some new allegations that arose last weekend.

The Senate took a recess from the angry debate to turn to a couple of other matters, but when it got back on the Tower nomination, the level of anger rose markedly.

Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., stood to chide Dole for having said Hollings had made "vicious personal attacks" on Tower.

"You are attacking me," Hollings said, his face reddening.

Dole said Hollings had called Tower "Mr. Alcohol Abuser."

"That's the record, and you know it," Hollings said.

"That is not the record," Dole replied.

After a series of similar exchanges, Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., a senator since 1959, stood to admonish the senators not to refer to each other as "you." Senate custom and decorum call for senators to refer to one another as "the senator from (the state)."

Byrd's reminder did no good. Before long, senators were using "you" and pointing fingers at each other.

For a while, it was Hollings and Dole. Then it was Senate Democratic leader George Mitchell of Maine and Sen. Warren Rudman, R-N.H.

Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., had gained the floor to make a brief statement but had yielded the right to speak to several senators caught up in the quarrel. Finally, bringing some laughter to the tense situation, Graham declined to yield further and said people were yearning to hear his statement.

An Associated Press survey showed 47 Democrats and Sen. Larry Pressler, R-S.D., against or leaning against Tower and 40 Republicans and two Democrats for or leaning for him.

Democrats hold a 55-45 edge in the Senate.

Bush said the fight for Tower was not dictated by some "iron-willed stubbornness" on his part.

"There are a lot of historical precedents behind my desire to have him and, you might say, right to have him, barring any clear reason not to," Bush said. "And, therefore, I will stay with it."

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Embattled Tower admits breaking marriage vows

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WASHINGTON — Secretary of Defense-designate John Tower admitted he'd broken his marriage vows, but demonstrated that nothing has broken his spirit as he continued an extraordinary public campaign Wednesday to save his nomination in the face of eroding Senate support.

On the eve of what promises to be a grueling, soul-searching Senate debate on his confirmation, the former Texas senator, under fire for alleged drinking and dating indiscretions, had a packed house applauding and laughing during a speech to the National Press Club that was witty, game and trademark tough.

Among other things, Tower suggested there might be some hypocrisy in his behavior being judged by a body accustomed to counting votes from "senators late in the evening who've had a few drinks."

Obviously prepared to face the music, the embattled nominee ended his talk in time to allow for a full half-hour of questions, some of which were breathtakingly tough.

"You said Sunday you've never broken a pledge in your life. Does this include wedding vows?" came one, drawing audible gasps from the audience. But not from Tower.

"As a matter of fact, I have broken wedding vows," the twice-divorced Tower answered coolly. "I think I am probably not alone in that connection."

Tower's second wife, Lilla Burt Cummings, alleged "marital misconduct" in court papers in the couple's divorce case.

But later Wednesday, Tower aides re-

leased a statement clarifying his admission of marital infidelity, and administration sources indicated Tower was referring to his first marriage, not his second.

The statement noted that Tower, in his opening testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee, repeatedly stated that he had never been unfaithful to his second wife.

Administration sources, who insisted on anonymity, elaborated by disclosing the Senate Armed Services Committee had been told that Tower was divorced from his first wife, Lou, because of an adulterous affair with the woman who became his second wife.

The appearance before the Press Club was billed as a defense policy address, but

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Tower included a number of rueful references to his own predicament — including one that involved the Alamo — and a number of jokes at his own expense.

There wasn't much for Tower to smile about in the news from Capitol Hill, however.

Two of the Democratic senators whom President Bush had lobbied the day before, Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell of Maine and David Boren of Oklahoma, announced they intend to vote against Tower.

According to a poll taken by The Associated Press, there are now 42 senators either for or leaning in favor of Tower and 39 against or leaning against him. The rest say they're uncommitted.

Republican Senate leaders announced that, while debate on Tower will begin today, they will hold off a vote on his confirmation until next week. One administration official acknowledged the plan is "a gamble" on the possibility that public support might begin to build for the president's nominee over the weekend.

The strategy seemed to be to paint Tower as a victim of gossip-mongers.

"This is a tough town. A lot of rumors out there," Bush told an audience of businessmen at the White House. "Public service is not made any easier by claims that cannot be substantiated, it's made tougher." Arguing that the Senate's "advice and consent" role on Cabinet nominations gives greater weight to the president's decision in cases of "reasonable doubt," Bush appealed to senators to trust his judgment of his Pentagon nominee.

"I've known this man since 1959 and my support is unequivocal and John Tower is, in my view, the best man for this job," Bush said. "And so my pitch, my appeal to the senators has been, 'Look, do what you've got to do but remember fair play, remember decency and honor . . .'"

Tower, meanwhile, told his audience he has no intention of backing down in the face of the Senate floor fight.

Noting that "tomorrow is Texas Independence Day," he quoted



AP photo

President Bush addressing businessmen at the White House Wednesday: "This is a tough town. A lot of rumors out there."

from the famous letter of William Barret Travis, commander of the Alamo: "I shall never surrender or retreat."

After a moment's pause, Tower stepped back to the podium. "Wait a minute," he said, beginning to grin. "I'm a little sorry I brought up the Alamo analogy because it just occurred to me what happened at the Alamo 10 days after Travis wrote that letter."

Tower appeared at the Press Club to deliver a speech on matters of defense policy, or, as he put it, "questions that normally occupy the mind of a nominee for secretary of defense." But he was well aware that wasn't what most of his listeners were there for.

"It's a great inspiration to me to see so many people, particularly people in the mass media, with such a profound and deep-seated interest in defense management," Tower joked, as giggles rippled through the room.

Tower, who at the outset of the week took a public pledge to abstain from alcohol while in office in an effort to allay concerns caused by his admitted episodes of heavy drinking during the 1970s, also showed he is prepared to use knowledge gathered from 24 years in the Senate to give as good as he's getting.

"I accept that the secretary of defense must adhere to a higher standard that members of the United States Senate, but my question is, how much lower an acceptable standard is there for members of the Senate," Tower asked, adding:

"Is it an acceptable standard for senators late in the evening who've had a few drinks in the hideaways and offices of the Capitol, a few steps away from the Senate chamber, to come onto the floor late in the evening and vote on vital issues of nuclear deterrence?"

There were indications that Tower's gutsy performance at the Press Club — and the favorable publicity his supporters hoped it would generate — may have been one of the reasons Republican Senate leaders decided to put off the debate on his nomination until today.

"Today is the day to let John Tower go to the American people," Sen. John Warner, R-Va., said.

Republican strategists insisted they were still hopeful of picking up votes for Tower among the Democrats — who hold a 55-45 edge in the Senate. They said they were not dismayed by the announcements of Boren and Mitchell. Vice President Dan Quayle said Mitchell's decision to vote against Tower was "not a surprise."

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Conservatives fail to rally for Tower

BY CRAGG HINES

Houston Chronicle Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Although President Bush appealed for conservative help in the fight to win Senate confirmation for John Tower as defense secretary, only one activist launched a formal campaign of support for the beleaguered nomination.

Brent Bozell, head of the Conservative Victory Committee, committed \$100,000 for a last-minute series of full-page newspaper advertisements and television hookups that beamed interviews with one of Tower's daughters to several states.

Bozell said Wednesday that the lack of united conservative action is "certainly not a function of lukewarm support for Tower," but other activists suggested some conservative leaders still had reservations about the former senator from Texas.

The doubts were said to stem from Tower's longstanding opposition to the anti-abortion movement, what some see as his unenthusiastic support for the space-based missile defense system, or "Star Wars," and questions about his lifestyle raised in the confirmation battle.

One key conservative, Paul Weyrich, testified against Tower before the Senate Armed Services Committee, saying he had seen Tower drunk in public and criticizing his lifestyle.

Bozell said that most conserva-

tives now see Bush rather than Tower as the focus of the fight. He said most of the contributions his group has raised for the advertisements came from strong supporters of the president, some of whom "don't give a hoot one way or the other about John Tower."

Bush sought conservatives' help in the Tower fight during a meeting last week at the White House. One conservative described Bush's appeal as the president's "first assignment" to the movement since taking office in January.

By the time of the meeting, Bozell said, "the obituary was written ... on John Tower and maybe some (conservative leaders) thought the battle couldn't be won. Maybe it still can't be."

The time was so short that some of the advertisements sponsored by the Committee for Fairness and Decency, an offshoot of the Conservative Victory Committee, are running too late.

An ad in today's Chronicle was designed to get Texans to seek the support of Democratic Sen. Lloyd Bentsen for his former colleague Tower. Bentsen announced Wednesday he would vote to confirm Tower.

Similarly, the committee placed ads in Louisiana newspapers today in hopes of winning the backing of Sen. J. Bennett Johnston, but the Democrat said Wednesday he would vote against Tower.

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Bush moving fast to find 2nd choice

By Kathy Lewis

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WASHINGTON — President Bush — who Thursday night faced the chore of finding a new nominee to become secretary of defense — is expected to move quickly in coming up with a second choice.

Bush will review possible nominees with his staff and others today, White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said.

There was considerable speculation by defense and political experts about who Bush will turn to after having suffered a defeat over his first choice — former Texas Sen. John Tower.

While several said the Senate would probably be ready for a quick approval of the next nominee in order to distance itself from the Tower bloodbath, others said it really depends on whom the president picks.

Though many have said the natural alternative would be Bush's National Security Adviser, Brent Scowcroft, there seemed to be a growing consensus among experts outside the White House that Scowcroft is in the right job now.

The Associated Press also reported Scowcroft has said he is not in line to be defense secretary.

Among the other names that have surfaced:

☐ Jack Edwards, former Republican representative from Alabama who served in Congress with Bush. Edwards, once ranking Republican on the appropriations defense subcommittee, is viewed as an expert on defense budgets. He also served on the commission that recommended military base closings to President Reagan last year.

In filling top spots in his administration Bush often has turned to those he's worked closely with or knows well and Edwards qualifies on that count.

☐ Norman Augustine, chief executive officer of Martin-Marietta Corp. and a former undersecretary of the Army. He is credited with both management skills and defense expertise. He reportedly turned down a Bush

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offer to take the No. 2 job at the Pentagon. Some, however, believe this is not the right time to submit a candidate who comes from the defense industry.

□ Drew Lewis, president of Union Pacific Corp. and former secretary of transportation. He's viewed as a good manager and often has been given government and corporate trouble-shooting assignments. He's best known for having broken the air traffic controllers' union during the strike in the early days of the Reagan administration.

□ Sen. William Cohen, R-Maine, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and Sen. Warren Rudman, R-N.H. Both are respected senators who could be an asset in the confirmation proceedings.

But some of the names mentioned most often do not make political sense, according to several political experts.

One is Donald Rumsfeld, a corporate executive and former Illinois congressman who was President Ford's White House chief of staff and defense secretary, but he is anything but close to Bush.

Rumsfeld attempted to run against Bush in the 1988 presidential contest and subsequently supported Kansas Sen. Bob Dole, and many Bush loyalists believe he was instrumental in making Bush CIA director in 1975 so he would be sidelined from politics and not considered as President Ford's running mate in 1976.

Some also have suggested James Schlesinger, but the objections of former President Ford, Texas Gov. Bill Clements and other Texans torpedoed a plan to make him Bush's secretary of energy.

Those who opposed him solely for his energy record likely would

stand aside, but Clements and Ford presumably would not. Many believe Bush — who responded to their objections once — would not turn around and tap Schlesinger for the defense post.

Schlesinger, a veteran of the Ford, Nixon and Carter administrations, is a former defense secretary, CIA director and energy secretary.

Sen. John Warner's name occasionally has come up, but if Warner — a Republican — were to resign his Virginia senate seat it would undoubtedly go to a Democrat. Warner is a former secretary of the Navy.

Also on various lists are Bobby Inman, of Westmark Systems and formerly a deputy director of the CIA; Paul O' Neill, chairman and chief executive officer of Alcoa and the Ford administration's budget director; Zbigniew Brzezinski, Carter's National Security Adviser who backed Bush in the 1988 presidential campaign; and Donald Rice, who runs the RAND Corp.

Bush is not exactly having to start over as substantial consideration was given to filling out a Pentagon team during the transition and because Bush has had some time to ponder the possibility of a Tower defeat.

Helmut Sonnenfeldt, a veteran of State Department and the National Security Council, said Scowcroft's name was the one "exciting people," but he thinks it's not a good idea.

"I personally am not all that enthusiastic about moving Scowcroft to defense, not because I don't think he is qualified or would do a good job," he said.

Sonnenfeldt, who is with the Brookings Institution, said he doesn't want to see the NSC disrupted.

Stuart Eizenstat, a former Carter advisor, said Scowcroft is more beneficial where he is because the subject matter is broader than defense.

Everyone here agrees the impor-

tant thing is for Bush to name someone who can be confirmed quickly by the Senate.

However, there are conflicting views on who would be a sure thing and on whether the Senate will now bend over backwards to confirm a nominee with dispatch.

Sen. James McClure, R-Idaho, predicted the Democratic majority will be "so anxious to cover its tracks" that it "would confirm Jack the Ripper if that's who the president sent up next."

But Sonnenfeldt suggested even Scowcroft might not be confirmed swiftly as many have suggested.

"I don't know how much of a complication he would face because he, too, has had a business life," Sonnenfeldt said of Scowcroft's former business ties to Kissinger and Assoc.

Lawrence Eagleburger, the nominee to be deputy secretary of state and another Kissinger and Assoc. man, is the next candidate expected to get a grilling over the revolving door practice of leaving government to do lucrative consulting work.

"It's already causing him some heartburn," Sonnenfeldt said.

Frank Carlucci, who was Reagan's second secretary of defense, said it's now impossible to predict who might pose a confirmation problem or how the Senate will react to a new nominee.

"Who knows in this day and age who's going to become controversial? I feel guilty now every time I take a glass of wine," he joked. "This debate has changed the nature of the ballgame."

Carlucci, however, had no trouble defining what a defense secretary ought to be.

"You've got to be a budgeteer. You've got to have some operational knowledge though you can depend a lot on the military, but when an airplane gets shot down in the Persian Gulf you had better damn well know what's going on."

He said the secretary also has to be a procurement expert of sorts and these days has to be a player in foreign policy as well.

"And finally, you have to hopefully be a strategic thinker," he said.

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Democrats all but kill Tower nomination

Dole's last-ditch proposal: Put nominee on probation

By **WILLIAM E. CLAYTON JR.**
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WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats all but killed John Tower's nomination to be defense secretary Wednesday. But Republican leader Bob Dole made one last desperate proposal: Put the nominee on six months probation to prove he will not drink.

Senators are expected to vote on Dole's suggestion and settle the nomination today.

A quiet speech by freshman Sen. Charles Robb, D-Va., delivered to a nearly empty Senate before debate ended for the night, made it virtually impossible for the nomination to survive. Concerns over Tower's drinking and possible conflicts of interest forced him to go against Tower, Robb said.

With that declaration it appeared there were 52 Democrats against

Tower and possibly one or two Republicans. Forty-three Republicans were expected to vote for Tower, with three Democrats joining them: Lloyd Bentsen of Texas, who declared his support for the nominee Wednesday, Howell Heflin of Alabama, and Chris Dodd of Connecticut.

Democrats hold a 55-45 majority.

"It takes a miracle at this point for John Tower to be confirmed," said Dole, R-Kan. "The (Democratic) majority has the votes."

Democratic leaders promised to give overnight thought to Dole's probation proposal, but their initial reaction was negative.

As Dole outlined it — and he said Tower had approved the idea — the Senate would confirm the nomination and Tower would immediately hand President Bush a resignation letter dated Oct. 1 that the president

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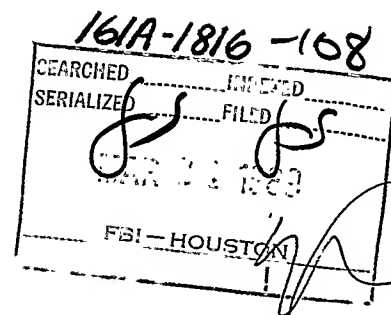
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would tear up at that time if Tower had refrained from drinking.

"I make that suggestion in the spirit of decency and fairness," Dole said. "It addresses the primary concern (of senators opposed to Tower). Primarily, it gets back to drinking."

Democratic leader George Mitchell of Maine said Dole underestimated the concerns of senators about possible conflict of interest from Tower's defense consulting experience.

Dole said if Tower did not work out in six months, the Senate could approve another nominee then.

While saying he would consider the idea, Mitchell said the debate has been so rancorous that "the only thing worse than having to go through this once would be to go through it twice."

"This is a desperation move," Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., said of Dole's suggestion. "I think we ought to vote (on the nomination) and get on with other business. We ought not to have some hazy, never-never land out there and leave this thing hanging for six months."

Dole's unusual proposal came near the end of a day in which the Democrats maneuvered to force an end to the nearly weeklong debate.

At noon, the remaining few undecided Democrats began to fall into place.

Sen. Claiborne Pell, D-R.I., announced against Tower, calling him "unquestionably competent and

highly experienced" but saying Tower's ties to the defense industry from his consulting work "clearly compromise his position."

Three hours later, Bentsen rose to say that "the question of alcoholism is particularly troublesome" but "I believe him when he says he will not touch a drop."

Tower deserves to be defense secretary, his former Senate colleague said, because of "his knowledge of defense issues, his experience, his unquestioned patriotism."

Bentsen recalled that he and Tower served together in the Senate for 14 years and that he had introduced Tower with warm praise at the Senate Armed Services Committee hearings on his nomination.

"The president deserves the benefit of a doubt on close calls when choosing his Cabinet," Bentsen said. "I found most of the allegations about John Tower's personal life without enough basis to deny a president his choice."

"I found myself constantly comparing the John Tower of the FBI report with the John Tower I had known in our years working on Texas projects together in the Senate. They weren't the same man."

"I also found myself reassured by Sen. Tower's pledge of abstinence. I believe he means it," Bentsen said.

Tower promised in a television appearance nearly two weeks ago that he would abstain from drinking if confirmed.

Tower will be so closely watched, he could hardly break the pledge, Bentsen said: "I doubt that John Tower could put an olive in a glass of milk and be unobserved."

He added, "In the passion of de-

bate, pundits writing in the isolation of their own offices can forget that public figures have feelings. We have seen every imperfection in an essentially good man dragged into the pitiless glare of television lights while his daughters sat listening."

Two of Tower's daughters, Jeanne and Marian, hurried out from the Senate's public gallery, to give the Texas senator a hug.

Their joy was short-lived, because the remaining Democrats who had been considered undecided announced their stands against Tower.

"There seems to be a personality change that occurs in Sen. Tower when he abuses alcohol — a recklessness, in a social sense," said Sen. J. Bennett Johnston of Louisiana. "Some in the use of alcohol do suffer from a change in conduct, a loss of judgment, a recklessness, and it is unmistakably there from this evidence. I would like to say it is not, but it is there . . . social abuse of people, abusive language — that sort of thing."

The evidence showed "an alcohol abuse problem which alters, in his case, judgment, key judgment in critical times. Now, there is no doubt there exists a problem now. It has been admitted by Sen. Tower himself," Johnston said.

With only two senators on the floor to hear it, Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., gave his first major speech to the Senate, another "no" on the Tower nomination.

"Sen. Tower's passage through the revolving door from Senate and arms control negotiator to consultant to the defense industries leaves me with too much doubt about his judgment," Lieberman said.

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FBI memorandum reveals massive probe of Tower

Report details global search for skeletons in closet

By Bob Drummond

DALLAS TIMES HERALD

WASHINGTON — Trying in vain earlier this month to fight off damaging charges of womanizing and alcohol abuse, a besieged John Tower likened his almost hopeless plight to become defense secretary to the battle for the Alamo.

But the odds facing the Alamo heroes, who were outnumbered more than 20-1, seem almost small in comparison to hundreds of witnesses and dozens of federal agents arrayed against the former Texas senator, according to an FBI summary outlining the controversial investigation that sunk Tower's hopes of leading the Pentagon.

The internal FBI memorandum, released by one of Tower's most vocal critics, South Carolina's Democratic Sen. Ernest "Fritz" Hollings, shows the bureau's massive probe of Tower touched all 58 field offices in the FBI organization, lasted more than four times as long as the normal background check of a Cabinet nominee and involved interviews with almost 15 times as many witnesses as usual.

After examining charges citing excessive drinking and other improprieties by Tower, the FBI "did confirm a prior pattern of alcohol abuse, as well as the senator's continuing sporadic use of alcohol," according to the document.

During the unprecedented public debate about his drinking practices, Tower acknowledged he drank heavily during the 1970s but vigorously rejected characterizations of his habits as alcohol abuse. The bureau memorandum does appear to confirm Tower's insistence that he stopped heavy drinking recently, saying agents found "indications that he had greatly reduced his consumption levels during 1983-1989."

After looking through the dozens of charges, the memo concludes that "the FBI investigation did not disclose any illegal activity on the part of Senator Tower."

The six-page summary, prepared for FBI Director William Sessions by the head of the Special Inquiry Unit charged with carrying out government background checks, does not contain further details regarding the bureau's findings about charges of drinking, inappropriate behavior toward women and ties with defense contractors.

But it offers a detailed look at the unprecedented extent of the FBI's efforts to search for skeletons in the closet of Tower, whose nomination as defense secretary was rejected by the Senate last week.

Then-Vice President Bush's transition office set the process in motion Dec. 2, 1988, when it forwarded information about the Tower case to the FBI, along with a request that the bureau check now-discounted rumors about an alleged affair between Tower and a possible foreign agent while the Texan was an arms control negotiator in Geneva.

From that time, agents spent 89 days digging into Tower's past before sending the White House their ninth and final report about the probe on Feb. 28. The average background check for a Bush Cabinet nominee, according to the memo, has taken between 20 and 22 days.



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for Cheney to be confirmed Friday by the full Senate, only a week after his nomination.

The ever-expanding scope of the Tower probe, the memo said, was forced by new charges against Tower that began pouring in to the FBI almost immediately.

"Almost immediately upon initiation, the FBI began to receive allegations concerning (1) alcohol abuse, (2) sexual misconduct, (3) conflict of interest with defense contractors, (4) improper campaign funding activities and (5) Tower's involvement in the 'Ill Wind' investigation" of Pentagon purchasing fraud, according to the memo. "Tower's nomination became a front-page media event resulting in numerous allegations being received by both the FBI and the Senate Armed Services Committee ... on almost a daily basis."

Although the average investigation of a Cabinet nominee involves interviews, the sheer volume of charges involved in the Tower probe to tally 500 individuals. The low-up interview

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During the probe, all 58 FBI field offices were asked to search their files for information, and agents from 38 field offices were detailed to join in the questioning of witnesses. Besides the large-scale domestic probe, centered on the Dallas and Houston field offices, investigations also were conducted in seven foreign countries by bureau agents and State Department employees. Altogether, the memo said, the FBI sorted through 69 charges of impropriety, involving 21 different issues cited by sources alleging misconduct.

Boiled down into a series of summaries submitted to the White House, the results of the probe still filled 508 pages, the memo said.

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